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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 9/12/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11342)

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDDATE 4/21/97 BY SP4BJC/HW  
# 306062SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
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(OO: NEW HAVEN)

ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 7/29/58.

On 8/1/58, [redacted] (conceal), [redacted]  
[redacted], advised SA ANTHONY E. CON-  
STANTINO concerning [redacted]  
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b7DThe source advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]The above information is not to be made public  
except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a  
subpoena duces tecum.The above source no longer has [redacted]  
[redacted]No further contacts with [redacted]  
[redacted] are contemplated by the NYO.

- 2 - Bureau (100-25688) (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (100-14085) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-11342)

(1-NY-100-11342) (COMINFIL UE)

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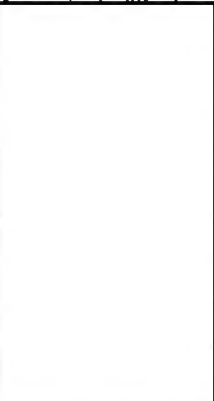
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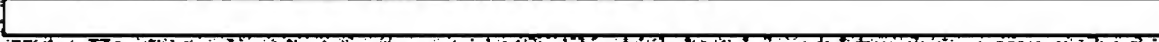
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For the information of New Haven, the review conducted 8/29/58, by SA JOHN P. THOMAS of cancelled checks issued by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), on its accounts at the Chase Manhattan Bank, Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, and at the New York Trust Co. (UE defense fund), NYC, reflected no checks payable to FRANK DONNER.

The following security informants in the NY area were contacted on the dates indicated below for information with reference to the possibility that subject might be a CP "financial angel." No information was developed through these informants concerning subject's activities.

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
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	8/26/58	SA JOHN A. HAAG
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SA Attached for the information of New Haven is Photostat of  (Los Angeles) memo, dated 7/14/58, to the SAC, Los Angeles, concerning "Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms; IS-C," which contains information concerning FRANK DONNER.

Through the cooperation of   
  
New York, who has requested that his identity be concealed, a trash cover was maintained at the 23rd Annual Convention of the UERMWA, held 9/1-5/58, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

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On 9/5/58, this source made available to SAS JOHN P. THOMAS and RAYMOND F. MOHR material reflecting that on 9/4/58, FRANK DONNER, UE's legal counsel, addressed the convention.

The material, which was a mimeograph summary of the convention, indicated that DONNER spoke at the afternoon session, September 4, 1958, and expressed his views on certain labor-employer legislation. Items relating to DONNER are set forth below.

"DONNER charged that the NLRB has been converted into a tool of management; the so-called investigating committees are in a conspiracy with employers and certain unions to destroy democratic unions; the SACB is milking the public treasury and doing nothing.

"DONNER documented his charges with case after case where the decisions of these boards and committees were so fantastically unjust they are ludicrous. Time and time again the court has over-ruled the NLRB's biased decisions, but this, declared DONNER, does not prevent them from continuing to favor management in almost 100 percent of their rulings.

"Despite the efforts of these outfits, DONNER said that there have been significant victories in the courts and that lawyers, as are the people in the shops, are buoyed up by the changing atmosphere."

The above material appeared in the "UE 23rd Convention Summary." -RUC-

SAC, New Haven (100-14085)

February 16, 1959

Director, FBI (100-25688)

FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Inasmuch as the report by the House Committee on Un-American Activities captioned "Communist Legal Subversion, The Role of the Communist Lawyer" which was published 2-16-59, set forth information concerning Donner's communist activities, you should promptly reopen your case in this matter. Review your file thoroughly and conduct necessary investigation to bring this matter up to date.

In view of the subject's position as a lawyer and since he has participated as defense counsel in several Smith Act Trials, your inquiries should be most discreet and the investigation should be handled in such a manner so as to preclude the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

Submit results in report form suitable for dissemination and at the same time make your recommendation as to whether Donner's activities warrant placing his name in the Security Index. Copy of above-mentioned report will be furnished you under separate cover.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject was removed from the SI 6-22-55, inasmuch as his known activities were insufficient to warrant his retention thereon. Since that time additional information has been received concerning subject's prior CP membership and his subsequent CP front activity. Subject invoked Fifth Amendment frequently when testifying before HCUA 6-28-56.

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DIRECTOR, FBI, (100-3-63)  
(100-25688)

10/31/58

SAC, NEW HAVEN, (100-10640)  
(100-14085)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C

Re New Haven letter to the Bureau, dated 7/24/58, and New York letter to the Bureau, dated 9/12/58, entitled "FRANK JORIS DONNER, SM - C".

Since the initiation of investigation of DONNER as a possible Communist Party "angel", the joint special checking account of DONNER and his wife, located in the Connecticut National Bank, Washington Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut, has been monitored by A [REDACTED]. During this time, nothing pertinent to this investigation has been noted. [REDACTED] Cashier, Connecticut National Bank, has advised that the DONNER account is constantly being overdrawn and at no times contains any large amounts. He said that it appears to be used primarily as a household and personal expense account by Mrs. DONNER and FRANK DONNER rarely writes any checks on the account. [REDACTED] said that it appears to him, from the state of the bank account and from statements which Mrs. DONNER has made to him when she visits the bank to discuss the account, that the DONNER family lives beyond their means.

Referenced New York letter reflects monitoring of the special checking account maintained by DONNER at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City, which monitoring has also been unproductive.

1-Bureau, 2(100-3-63, CP, USA, MEMES) (RM)  
2(100-25688, Frank Joris Donner)

2-New Haven, (100-10640, CP, USA, TULSA)  
(100-14085, Frank Joris Donner)

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On October 16, and 30, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] who are familiar with some Communist Party activities in the Norwalk-Stamford, Connecticut area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA FRANK E. WATTS that they are not acquainted with TOWNER and have heard nothing concerning him. b7D

On October 22, 1958, [redacted], [redacted], Conn., who is familiar with some Communist Party and Communist front activities in Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut, in which area TOWNER resides, advised SA FRANK E. WATTS that he is acquainted with TOWNER; however, he has no knowledge of any participation by TOWNER in the activities of the Communist Party or Communist front groups in the area or elsewhere, at the present time. b6 b7C b7D

On October 22, 1958, [redacted], Source of Information, [redacted], Village Creek, South Norwalk, Conn., advised SA [redacted] that he has known TOWNER for about six or seven years as a fellow resident of Village Creek. He stated that TOWNER spends very little time at his home but appears to spend most of his time in New York City, where he practices law. [redacted] said that he does not believe that TOWNER is doing well financially, since his wife is always commenting on her shortage of money to run the household. [redacted] said that he does not believe that TOWNER takes part in any of the Communist front group activities which have, from time to time, operated in Village Creek, and does not appear to have much to do with his neighbors, some of whom are sympathetic toward the Communist Party. b6 b7C b7D

Inasmuch as this investigation has not developed evidence indicating that TOWNER has furnished funds to the CP, USA, this case is being closed. In the event information is received indicating that TOWNER is supplying funds to the CP, USA, an investigation will be instituted and the Bureau immediately advised.

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1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Floyd

SAC, New York (100-11342)

March 4, 1959

Director, FBI (100-25688)

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FRANK JERIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re WFO letter 2-20-59 captioned "HCUA."

Inasmuch as subject is one of the individuals referred to in relet, and since Donner is a subject of the New Haven Office, New York should immediately furnish New Haven one copy of the HCUA publication "Communist Legal Subversion-The Role of the Communist Lawyer," which was referred to in relet.

2 - New Haven (100-14085)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Relet forwarded copies of above publication to offices covering territories wherein the individuals referred to maintain practice of law. Donner has his law office in New York City but resides in South Norwalk, Connecticut. He commutes to New York City. Subject was removed from Security Index 6-22-55 and New Haven is currently conducting investigation to determine whether he should be replaced on the Security Index.

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SAC, New Haven (100-14085)

March 6, 1959

Director, FBI (100-25688)

FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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ReBulet 2-16-59. Reference is also made to Bulet to Pittsburgh 3-5-59 captioned "House Committee on Un-American Activities, Information Concerning."

Inasmuch as subject will probably testify before a hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the near future, there is being enclosed for your information one copy of Bulet to Houston dated 11-20-58 captioned "House Committee on Un-American Activities, Information Concerning," which sets forth instructions relative to situations where subjects are to appear before HCUA hearings.

Afford this matter your continuous attention. Surep immediately.

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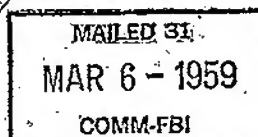
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject was removed from the Security Index 6-22-55 inasmuch as his known activities were insufficient to warrant his retention thereon. Since that time additional information has been received concerning his prior CP membership and his subsequent activity. Relet 2-16-59 instructed New Haven to reopen case, conduct investigation, and surep with recommendation re SI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FROM: *gjh* SAC, New Haven (Your file 100-14085) DATE: 3/31/59

TO: -FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-25688-95)

SUBJECT: *Frank J. J. Donner*  
*SM-C*

Office of Origin: *New Haven*

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. *1264*

Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted upon receipt of NY verification of employment, and informant checks. *7/2/59*

Reason for delay *Being advised of receipt of*

*Bu O-1 & requested to expedite coverage of leads.*

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

*Rebulet 3/6 and your let 3/24/59.*

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 3/24/59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14085)

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau letters to New Haven, 2/16/59 and 3/6/59.  
New York letter to New Haven, 3/2/59.

Referenced Bureau letters request that investigation in this matter be brought up to date and report submitted in connection with listing of subject's name in HCUA publication entitled, "COMMUNIST LEGAL SUBVERSION - The Role of the Communist Lawyer", dated February 16, 1959, page 35, and HCUA hearings at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Investigation at New Haven reflects that the subject is currently residing at Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and continues his association with the law firm of DONNER, KINOY, and PERLIN, New York City.

New Haven confidential sources contacted during the course of the present investigation are unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's association with the Communist Party, USA, or Communist Party front groups in Connecticut at the present time. It is indicated that most of the subject's activities, both business and personal, are in the New York City area.

New York is requested to verify subject's employment, conduct appropriate credit and arrest checks, contact confidential sources and bring investigation up to date. New Haven report in this matter will be submitted in the near future. aw

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14085)  
SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York airtel to New Haven, 4/24/59.

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In view of the fact that the New York Office is submitting a report in this matter, New York is requested to incorporate in such report information contained in the following New York communications:

1. NYO memo of SA [REDACTED] entitled "WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Was., SM-C", 9/5/57
2. NYO letter to Chicago, 3/14/58, entitled "BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND: IS-C"
3. NYO letter to New Haven, 3/25/58, entitled "BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND: IS-C"
4. NYO letter to New Haven, 4/4/58, entitled "BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND: IS-C"
5. NYO letter to New Haven, 1/28/59, entitled "COMINFIL-UERMWA: IS-C; ISA, 1950"

New York is also requested to submit recommendations concerning possible listing of subject on SI.

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2 New York (100-11342) (RM)  
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Synopsis: **REFERENCE:** Report of SA [redacted] 2/28/57, New Haven, New York letter to Chicago, 3/14/58, "BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND: IS-C" New York letter to New Haven, 3/25/58, "BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND: IS-C" New York letters to New Haven, 11/26/58, 1/28/59, and 2/20/59 entitled "COMINFIL, UERMWA: IS-C; ISA, 1950" Bureau letters to New Haven, 2/16/59, 3/6/59 Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 2/24/59 entitled "HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES: Information Concerning (Subversive Control)" New York letters to New Haven, 3/2/59, 3/3/59 Bureau letter to New York, 3/4/59 Bureau letter to Pittsburgh, 3/5/59 New Haven letter to Bureau, 3/24/59 New York airtel to New Haven, 4/24/59 New Haven airtel to Bureau, 5/7/59

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Approved: <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">100-25688-98</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; float: right; text-align: center;">REC-36</div> <div style="clear: both;"></div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">MAY 14 1959</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">SUBV. CONTROL</div>
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ADMINISTRATIVE

By referenced New York airtel dated 4/24/59, the New York Office advised that a report was being submitted by that office bringing up to date the activities of subject in that Division and verifying his employment. New Haven will hold in abeyance any recommendations with reference to placing subject on SI, pending receipt of New York report and results of HCUA hearing at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at which the subject was to have appeared.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

NH T-1

Source of Information

[redacted] Village Creek,  
So. Norwalk, Conn. (Request)

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New Haven informants listed in report as not being acquainted with subject and having no information concerning him are:

[redacted] contacted by SA FRANK B. WATTS and SA [redacted]  
on 4/6/59  
[redacted] contacted by SA FRANK B. WATTS and SA [redacted]  
on 4/6/59

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A.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: NEW HAVEN

Date:

MAY 13, 1959

File Number:

NH 100-14085 BUFILE 100-25688

Title:

FRANK JORIS DONNER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Conn., and is employed with law firm of DONNER, KINOY & PERLIN, New York City. NH T-1, NH T-2, and other New Haven informants unaware of any participation by subject in Communist Party or Communist Party front group activities in Norwalk, Conn., area at present. PH T-1 advises subject spoke at International Convention of UERMWA, San Francisco, Calif., 8/26-30/57, as UE Counsel and said government witnesses in two UERMWA cases had been proven liars and paid "stooges" and commented that tide was turning, as evidenced by recent Supreme Court decisions. Information set forth appearing in report by Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 86th Congress, published 2/16/59, entitled "COMMUNIST LEGAL SUBVERSION, The Role of the Communist Lawyer", re DONNER. Current description of subject set forth.

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NH 100-14085

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On March 16, 1959, NH T-1 advised that the subject resides at 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and commutes daily to New York City, where he is engaged in the practice of law with the firm of DONNER, KINOY & PERLIN.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

On March 16, 1959, NH T-1 advised that the subject spends very little of his time at his residence in South Norwalk, Connecticut, and that, therefore, he takes no part in any local activities. NH T-1 stated that he is aware of no current Communist Party or Communist Party front group activities in which the subject takes part in the Norwalk, Connecticut, area.

On April 6, 1959, NH T-2 advised that he is not aware of any Communist Party or Communist Party front group activities in which the subject is taking part in the Norwalk, Connecticut, area. NH T-2 advised that he is well acquainted with the subject and believes that, during the time in which he has known the subject, the latter has maintained his beliefs in Communist Party philosophies. NH T-2 pointed out that the subject, due to the pressure of his law practice, spends very little time in Norwalk, Connecticut.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

PH T-1 advised on September 3, 1957, that at the UE (United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America) International Convention in San Francisco, California, August 26-30, 1957, FRANK DONNER, UE Counsel in UE SACB case and the MATLES case, gave a resume of these cases to date and said that the government witnesses in these cases had been proved to be liars and paid "stooges".

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The informant advised that DONNER commented that there is a turning of the tide as evidenced by recent Supreme Court decisions. He said that it was a shame that the AFL-CIO leaders were on the wrong side of the fight to "restore our liberty and bill of rights".

Other New Haven informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party, USA, and Communist Party front group activities in the Norwalk, Connecticut, area were contacted during April 1959, and they indicated that they are not acquainted with the subject and have no information concerning him.

Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised on February 24, 1959, that subpoenas would be turned over to the United States Marshal for certain individuals to appear at hearings to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 10, 11, 12, 1959. Among these individuals was FRANK DONNER, Attorney for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

A report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Eighty Sixth Congress, published February 16, 1959, entitled "Communist Legal Subversion, The Role of the Communist Lawyer", on Page 35, sets forth the following concerning FRANK J. DONNER, New York:

"FRANK DONNER was identified by a number of witnesses before this committee as a member of a Communist cell composed of lawyers employed by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C.

HERBERT FUCHS, a former Communist who had helped to organize this cell in 1937 and actively participated in it until his transfer from Washington in 1942, testified on December 13, 1955, that FRANK DONNER was one of the NLRB lawyers who joined his conspiratorial Communist group.

On December 14, 1955, MORTIMER RIEMER, another former member of the Communist cell in the NLRB, confirmed FUCHS' testimony regarding FRANK DONNER. DONNER was again identified by ex-Communist HARRY COOPER on March 1, 1956.

FRANK DONNER, on June 28, 1956, appeared as a witness



before this Committee. Although admitting he was employed by the NLRB from 1940 until 1945, in the Litigation Section, he invoked the First and Fifth Amendments when he was questioned concerning Communist Party membership and affiliations. Mr. DONNER was confronted with a United States Civil Service Commission questionnaire he had signed on June 2, 1943, while employed by the NLRB. On this official form, he had replied 'no' to a question as to whether or not he held membership in a Communist organization. Conceding that the signature was his, Mr. DONNER nevertheless invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked by the Committee if he had been 'truthful' in this statement to the United States Government.

FRANK DONNER was recently named General Counsel for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. This Communist controlled union, which was ousted by the CIO in 1950, is a recognized bargaining agent in many of our vital defense industries. The UE, in a recent pamphlet, described its new counsel as being 'recognized as one of the foremost authorities on NLRB law'. It failed to mention that DONNER was publicly identified as being a member of a conspiratorial Communist cell while employed as an attorney at the NLRB in the 1940s.

FRANK DONNER was one of the principal speakers at the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Lawyers Guild held in February, 1949. In 1953, he was elected a voting member of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting, and Chairman of the conference working group of the national conference of the guild to be held in October at the Barbizon Plaza. He was again elected to the Board of Directors in 1954.

At a dinner sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born on October 11, 1956, one of the lawyers saluted for their work aiding this Communist controlled organization was FRANK DONNER.

DONNER has on different occasions been engaged as a speaker for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, an organization cited as Communist controlled by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary



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Committee. Speaking on such topics as 'Informers as a Means of Suppression' and 'Informers as Tools', DONNER has excoriated all individuals who have been of assistance to Congressional Committees."

The American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained through personal observation of the subject by SA [redacted] of the FBI on May 2, 1959, from information available in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and in the files of the Passport Division of the Department of State:

Name:	FRANK JORIS DONNER
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	February 25, 1911
Place of Birth:	Brooklyn, New York
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	210 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Olive
Marital Status:	Married - MADELINE JAFFE DONNER
Residence:	30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut
Occupation:	Attorney - DONNER, KINOY and PERLIN, New York City.

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD - cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions", and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123, on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950).

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE - To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the .....Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA - is an independent labor organization, with headquarters in New York City. It was publicly expelled from the National Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), in convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 2, 1949, on authority vested in the National CIO Executive Board to expel any of its affiliates which adhered to the policies and principles of the Communist Party (CP), rather than to the objectives set forth in the Constitution of the CIO.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, 10, Connecticut

May 13, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
dated May 13, 1959, at New Haven, and captioned as above.

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All informants utilized in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REFERENCE: New Haven letter to the Bureau, 3/24/59.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone interview conducted on 5/6/59 was made by SA  using the pretext of being a friend desiring to talk to the subject.

The Special Agents interviewing PHILIP O. KEENEY on 12/21/53, were JOHN G. WILLIS and

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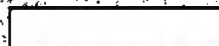
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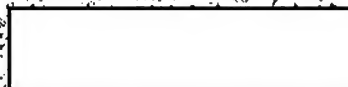
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Barenblatt - Gojack Defense Fund ✓



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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 5/18/59

Office: New York

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Title: FRANK JORIS DONNER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject employed as an attorney, 342 Madison Ave., NYC. Sources advise subject received check from Bill of Rights Fund in 1955; that subject in contact with DOROTHY MARSHALL of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms in 1958; that subject spoke at Emergency Civil Liberties Committee functions in 1955; that subject participated in National Lawyers' Guild functions in 1953, 1954, 1956 and 1957; that subject payee of check from the Religious Freedom Committee in 1956; that subject's name observed at NY State CP Headquarters in 1955; that subject in contact with CP members in 1955 and 1957; that subject attorney for CP members and CP front organizations during 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957 and 1958; and that subject spoke at meeting to "Regain the First Amendment" on 2/28/58.

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DETAILS:

It is to be noted that NY T-1, NY T-7, NY T-13, NY T-14 and NY T-15, <sup>who</sup> furnished information set out in this report, are no longer in the possession of the basic documents from which the information furnished by them was obtained.

I. BACKGROUND

Credit

On April 13, 1959, IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York. These records contained no pertinent information concerning the subject.

Criminal

On April 28, 1959, SA VINCENT F. CLANCY checked the criminal records of the New York City Police Department. These records contained no information concerning the subject.

Employment

On May 6, 1959, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a suitable pretext interview at the office of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, Attorneys, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, where it was ascertained that the subject was then a member of this law firm.

Page two of column three, of the March 16, 1959 edition of the "UE News," official organ of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), identified FRANK DONNER as UE General Counsel.

Information concerning the UE is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE  
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CP Front Organizations

Bill of Rights Fund

Information concerning the Bill of Rights Fund is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

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Citizens Committee to Preserve  
American Freedoms (CCPAF)

Information concerning the CCPAF is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY T-2 advised on June 18, 1958, that he had observed a letter from FRANK J. DONNER, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, dated May 14, 1958, which was sent to Mrs. DOROTHY MARSHALL, care of the CCPAF, 617 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. In this letter DONNER stated that he was enclosing material which had been requested by FRANK WILKERSON.

Information concerning DOROTHY MARSHALL and FRANK WILKERSON is set out in the Appendix Section of this report under the information relating to the CCPAF.

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

Information concerning the ECLC is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

On page eight, column one, of the June 17, 1955 edition of the "Daily Worker" there appears an article which reflects that the ECLC had rallies in New York City on June 15, 1955, to keep New York City schools free and wipe out the Board of Education ruling requiring teachers to be informers.



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Attorney FRANK DONNER pointed out that only in recent years did the Government appropriate funds to subsidize informants and that Government informants now do the job for private employers who no longer need to employ labor spys.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The June 6, 1955 edition of "National Guardian" reflects that FRANK DONNER would be one of the speakers of a Bill of Rights Conference sponsored by the ECLC and to be held at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 11, 1955.

Information concerning the "National Guardian" is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

The April 25, 1955 edition of the "National Guardian" reflects that FRANK DONNER, Attorney, described the Immigration Service as the "West Point of Informers" at a forum sponsored by the ECLC, which was held on April 16, 1955, at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

#### National Lawyers' Guild (NLG)

Information concerning the NLG is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY T-3 advised on August 16, 1957, that FRANK DONNER was one of a group of NLG members to be honored at a dinner given by the NLG in honor of the Smith Act lawyers, to be held on October 25, 1957.

NY T-4 advised on June 20, 1956, that the subject was then a member of the NLG, New York Chapter.

NY T-5 advised on November 22, 1954, that FRANK C. DONNER of the New York Bar was to be one of the speakers at the 13th NLG Convention, held at Chicago, Illinois, during November 19-21, 1954.

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NY T-6 advised on June 30, 1953, that the subject was then a member of the NLG, New York City Chapter.

The Religious Freedom Committee (RFC)

Information concerning the Religious Freedom Committee (RFC) is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

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NY T-7 advised on [REDACTED]

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CP Associates

NY T-9 advised on December 27, 1954, that OLGA FIELD made arrangements to contact a Mr. DONNER on January 4, 1955, at telephone number MU 2-8828 in New York City.

On June 1, 1955, SA [REDACTED] ascertained that the above telephone number did not exist.

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As previously mentioned, the Manhattan Telephone Directory lists FRANK DONNER, Attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, telephone number MU 2-8288.

On December 8, 1954, the Special Inquiry Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, determined, after a hearing that OLGA FIELD was subject to deportation on the ground that after entry into the United States she was a member of the CP (Section 241A of the Immigration Act).

A review of the Building Directory at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, on December 17, 1957, disclosed that MILTON HARRY FRIEDMAN was the occupant of Room 930, which room is also occupied by the subject.

NY T-10 advised that MILTON FRIEDMAN attended a meeting of the executives of the Queens County CP during August, 1948, and attended a meeting of the Sunnyside Section of the CP during September, 1948.

It should also be noted that this same informant advised on August 14, 1952, that the CP had told CP members to get in touch with FRIEDMAN in case any of them were arrested.

NY T-3 advised on June 14, 1955, that on that same date FRANK DONNER had contacted ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN.

NY T-3 and NY T-11 advised during 1957 and 1958, that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. NEEDLEMAN has represented current and former members of the CP before Congressional Committees, in courts and has served as a custodian of CP funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrine and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research.

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NY T-12 advised during March, 1958, that NEEDLEMAN has acted as a Soviet espionage agent. ~~S~~

Legal Activities in Behalf of  
CP Members and Organizations

NY T-13 advised on [REDACTED]

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Information concerning the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

Column five on page one of the February 4, 1957 edition of the "Daily Worker" reflects that the New York law firm of Frank Donner, Arthur Kinoy and Marshal Perlin was representing MORTON SOBELL.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951 to 30 years imprisonment. He is presently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

NY T-14 advised on [REDACTED]

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Information concerning the Sobell Committee is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

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NY T-15 advised on [REDACTED]

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On August 24, 1956, B. MALCOLM ANDERSON, United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised SA JAMES T. MOONEY that he had received a letter dated August 23, 1956, from STEVE NELSON in which NELSON identified FRANK DONNER of New York City as his attorney.

NY T-16 advised on July 30, 1957, that STEVE NELSON was a member of the National Committee for the CP, USA as of that date. S

Records of the case of MARY JANE KEENEY, Appellant vs. United States of America, Appellee, #11752, in the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, reflect that the case was decided on August 26, 1954, and that FRANK J. DONNER was the attorney for KEENEY. S.I.

NY T-17 advised in 1951 that MARY JANE KEENEY was a CP member and was active in the CP underground in Washington, D.C., in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

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On December 21, 1953, PHILIP O. KEENEY was contacted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He declined to talk to the Agents and indicated that any further inquiry would have to be made through his attorney, FRANK DONNER.

NY T-17 advised in 1951, that PHILIP O. KEENEY was a member of the CP and had been quite active in the CP underground in Washington, D.C., in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Page two of the January 11, 1954 edition of the "UE News" reflects that FRANK J. DONNER was one of the attorneys for JULIUS EMSPAK, UE Secretary-Treasurer, who appeared before the United States Supreme Court on hearing calling for reversal of a contempt of Congress conviction of EMSPAK.

Page seven, column three, of the October 26, 1953 edition of the "National Guardian" reflects that FRANK J. DONNER was one of the attorneys for JULIUS EMSPAK.

THOMAS F. DELANEY, 5224 Deron Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania, a self-admitted former CP member from approximately 1939 to 1952, advised during May and September, 1952, that JULIUS EMSPAK was at those times a member of the CP.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, a self-admitted former CP member, who resides at 22 Earl Street, Newark, New Jersey, has advised that JULIUS EMSPAK, Secretary-Treasurer of the UE, 11 East 51st Street, New York City, was a leader in the Communist faction in that union in 1953.

The New York State Supreme Court, New York City, contains a record of legal action of the New York State Department of Insurance against the International Workers Order (IWO) under index #21205-1950. On July 18, 1953, the IWO filed a writ of certiorari through its attorneys, one of which was FRANK J. DONNER, who appealed the decision of the New York State Supreme Court and Appellate Division of the New York State Court that the IWO should be liquidated.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who are familiar with some CP members and some phases of CP activities in the New York City area, have been contacted during April, 1959, but could furnish no information concerning the subject.

NY T-18 advised on March 6, 1958, that FRANK DONNER was one of the speakers at a meeting held on February 28, 1958, to "Regain the First Amendment," which was sponsored by LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK, which was held at Carnegie Recital Hall, New York City.

Information concerning LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK is set out in the Appendix Section of this report under that part pertaining to the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund.

Page four, column four, of the March 10, 1958 edition of "The Militant," a weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), contains an article entitled, "New York Rally Aids Gojack Test Case." This article reflects that Attorney FRANK DONNER was a speaker at a meeting to discuss the fight for the First Amendment at Carnegie Hall on February 28, 1958.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On September 7, 1955, NY T-8 advised that on that date that he had observed the following notation on records maintained at the New York State CP Office, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City:

DONNER, FRANK  
OR 9-2420  
MU 2-8288  
342 Madison Avenue, New York

It is noted that the Manhattan Telephone Directory lists FRANK DONNER, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, telephone number MU 2-8288.

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BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND

A confidential source advised on February 25, 1958, that Post Office Box 190, New York City 27, New York, is rented by the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund. The character of this organization was listed as "Defense of the Bill of Rights."

In March and May, 1956, respectively, LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK were convicted for "contempt of Congress." BARENBLATT refused to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as he claimed the House Committee on Un-American Activities had no right to inquire into his political and religious beliefs; GOJACK refused to answer inquiries of the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning his Communist ties prior to 1949 by invoking the First Amendment.

In the transcript of hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, Second Session, dated February 28-29, 1957, page 5778, it is reflected that FRANCIS XAVIER THOMAS CROWLEY, self-admitted member of the CP at the University of Michigan, identified LLOYD BARENBLATT as a member of the Haldane Club of the CP at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, during the late 1940s.

Another confidential source advised on December 3, 1948, that JOHN T. GOJACK admitted he was a CP member.

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BILL OF RIGHTS FUND

On November 15, 1954, a confidential informant made available a mimeographed leaflet dated November 4, 1954, entitled, "Announcement of Bill of Rights Funds, CORLISS LAMONT, Chairman." This leaflet reflects that CORLISS LAMONT had set aside \$50,000.00 to initiate a special Bill of Rights Fund to give assistance to key organizations and enterprises that are working militantly and uncompromisingly for American Civil Liberties on the basis that the Bill of Rights should apply impartially to all groups and individuals in the United States; and to provide financial help in especially significant individual cases involving constitutional issues in order to assist the victims with their legal defense and to lessen economic pressures on such persons if they have lost their jobs.

On April 29, 1958, a confidential informant advised that the captioned fund continues to be active. The address for the fund continues to be 450 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, which is the residence of CORLISS LAMONT.

Another confidential informant, on June 23, 1950, advised that he had known CORLISS LAMONT as a concealed member of the Communist Party.



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CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (CCPAF)

A confidential source advised on June 17, 1958, that at a meeting of the CCPAF, held on June 11, 1958, at 2300 W. Third St., Los Angeles, California, DOROTHY MARSHALL, Chairman of the CCPAF, stated that the CCPAF was formed in 1952 to fight Congressional investigating committees, both state and federal, and that this was its only purpose.

This source advised on October 20, 1958, that FRANK WILKINSON had resumed his position as Executive Secretary of the CCPAF.

Another confidential source advised in September, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a member of the CP.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" (and Appendix), revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, contains the following:

"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE"

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

APPENDIX

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \* \* \* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"



APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, contains the following concerning the National Lawyers' Guild:

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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### THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMITTEE (RFC)

On March 21, 1955, a confidential informant furnished a copy of a letter from the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) dated March 7, 1955, and addressed to all members of the MFSA. This letter states in part, "Out of the MFSA Defense Fund was organized the Religious Freedom Committee to defend the injunctions of the First Amendment, to alert churchmen of all faiths to the danger of the attacks, and to defend religiously persons who might become involved with government investigating bodies on matters challenging their religious freedom."

Information furnished by another confidential informant on April 28, 1958, indicates that the principal activity of the Religious Freedom Committee during 1958 has been agitation for the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (revised January 2, 1957) states the following on page 56, concerning the MFSA:

- "1. With an eye to religious groups, the Communists have formed religious fronts such as the Methodist Federation for Social Action....

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)"

The RFC is currently located at 118 East 28th Street, New York, New York.

Location of the RFC was determined by an examination of the May, 1958, New York Telephone Company Street Address Directory.

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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND  
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

On December 20, 1955, the United States Department of Justice petitioned the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) for an order determining that the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) is a Communist infiltrated organization. The petition alleges that the UE was originally founded in Buffalo, New York, in March of 1936, under the name United Electrical and Radio Workers. Shortly thereafter, the name of the organization was changed to its present form. In 1949, the UE was expelled from the Congress of Industrial Organizations on the ground that its policies and activities were consistently directed toward the achievement of the programs and purposes of the Communist Party of the United States of America. The petition further alleges that the UE, through its effective management, had been actively engaged in giving aid and support to Communist organizations, foreign Communist governments, and the world Communist movement at the time the petition was filed and during a three-year period prior thereto.

SACB hearings on UE commenced in New York, New York, on May 13, 1957. These hearings were indefinitely suspended by an order of the SACB on January 10, 1958.

The "Directory of National and International Labor Unions in the United States, 1957, United States Department of Labor Bulletin Number 1222" reflects that the UE advised the Department of Labor that in 1955-1956 it represented 100,000 members in 115 local unions.

The International Headquarters of UE is located at 11 East 51st Street, New York, New York, as of May 12, 1958.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
May 18, 1959

NY 100-11342

Re: Frank Joris Donner  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All confidential sources mentioned in the details of referenced report, including those set out in the Appendix Section, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the FBI, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 5/19/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11342)

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM-C.Re New Haven airtel to the Bureau, 5/7/59, and NY RUC  
report of SA [redacted] 5/18/59.b6  
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Referenced report contains information appearing in NYO files concerning subject not previously furnished to New Haven. Communications set out in reairtel have not been set out in referenced report as report was in transcription upon receipt of referenced airtel.

Based on the information available to the NYO, it does not appear that subject's activities warrant his inclusion on the Security Index at this time.

- 2 - Bureau (100-25688) (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (100-14085) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-11342)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 6/25

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: June 17, 1959

FROM : *ham* SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14085)SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C

Reference: Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated 3/5/59,  
entitled "HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN  
ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)"

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In accordance with instructions contained therein, Pittsburgh is requested to submit, in report form if feasible, pertinent facts concerning subject's appearance before the HCUA at Pittsburgh. Copies of this report should be designated to the New York and New Haven Offices.

For the information of the Pittsburgh Office, a determination as to whether or not subject should be included on the Security Index of the New Haven Office is being held in abeyance pending receipt of results of subject's appearance before the HCUA at Pittsburgh.

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2 - Pittsburgh (RM)  
1 - New Haven  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* United States Government

To: Director, FBI (100-25688)  
From: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-12478)  
Subject: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C  
(OO - New Haven)

Date: 7/8/59

Re New Haven letter to Bureau, 6/17/59, under above caption and WFO letter to Bureau, 6/12/59, captioned "HCUA" (Bufile 61-7582), which furnished copies of three pamphlets concerning public hearings held before the Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), U. S. House of Representatives, Eighty-sixth Congress, in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 3/10, 11, 12/59. These pamphlets are identified as follows:

1. Current Strategy and Tactics of Communists  
in the United States  
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 1)  
Dated: March 10, 1959
2. Problems of Security in Industrial Establishments  
Holding Defense Contracts  
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 2)  
Dated: March 11, 1959
3. Problems Arising in Cases of Denaturalization  
and Deportation of Communists  
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 3)  
Dated: March 12, 1959

[redacted] former Pittsburgh security informants, who [redacted] mentioned the names of several individuals known to have engaged in Communist Party and/or related activities. Several of these individuals and others were subpoenaed to testify at these hearings.

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[redacted] may be described as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New Haven (100-14085) (Encl 1) (RM)  
2 - Pittsburgh  
(1 - 100-13295 HCUA)

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[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from [redacted].

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[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from [redacted].

[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from [redacted].

Current Bureau instructions covering HCUA hearings are that the Bureau be advised of the identity of each individual mentioned at such hearings and also advised of their subversive activity unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. Such data should be submitted under the individual's case caption and should contain a statement as to whether or not the individual has been the subject of Bureau investigation and as to what action is being taken on any new information developed as a result of these hearings.

In those instances where an individual has been investigated by the Bureau and the new information obtained does not warrant additional investigation, Bureau instructions are that consideration should again be given to an interview with the individual.

In those instances where an individual residing within another division is mentioned, that division must be advised of the nature of the information and of the Bureau's instructions.

Inasmuch as New York has received copies of the aforementioned pamphlets, that office is being furnished only page references concerning individuals residing within the New York Division.

The name of captioned subject appears in the aforementioned pamphlets as noted below:

Part 2, pages 394, 410, 427, 438, 447, 452, 455-460 (testimony).

Details concerning the information appearing on the above pages are set forth below so that New Haven may review same and handle in accordance with the aforementioned Bureau instructions.



Page 394 - Included in a summary of information concerning individuals who appeared at these hearings was a short resume concerning FRANK J. DONNER. This resume set forth that DONNER, "who had been identified by responsible witnesses under oath before the committee as a member of the Communist Party and who on June 28, 1956, invoked constitutional privileges in response to questions respecting his membership and activities in the party immediately prior to his appearance, testified in the instant hearings that he became general counsel to UE a short time after his appearance before the committee on June 28, 1956. Mr. DONNER denied present membership in the Communist Party, but invoked, by reference to previous testimony, his constitutional privileges in response to questions respecting past membership in the Communist Party.

Page 410 - Subject appeared as counsel for THOMAS QUINN, 4002 Berger Lane, Monroeville, Pa., a field organizer for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA). Subject identified himself as FRANK J. DONNER, an attorney-at-law with an office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Page 427 - It is noted that on page 424, Part 2, RICHARD ARENS, HCUA Staff Director, included in the body of the record of these hearings "a compilation prepared by the research unit of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities which contains the listing of persons who now hold, or have held, in the recent past, key positions in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union and who have by competent, live witnesses under oath been identified as members of the Communist Party." In connection with the above, the following appeared on page 427 concerning subject:

"Donner, Frank J.

"Frank Donner was identified as a member of the Communist Party by several witnesses in testimony before this committee.

"Herbert Fuchs, a former Communist, testified on December 13, 1955 that he knew Donner as a member of the Communist Party. On December 14, 1955, Mortimer Riemer, another former member of the Communist Party, confirmed Fuchs' testimony regarding Frank Donner. Donner was again identified by ex-Communist Harry Cooper on March 1, 1956.

"On June 28, 1956, Frank Donner appeared as a witness before this committee and invoked the first and fifth amendments to the Constitution in refusing to answer any questions regarding his membership in the Communist Party.

"Subsequent to his appearance before the committee in 1956, Donner was appointed general counsel to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. He was summoned to appear as a witness during the current hearings. His testimony will be found on page 455."

Page 438 - Subject appeared as counsel for THOMAS B. WRIGHT, Managing Editor of the "UE News" who resides at 4138 48th Street, Long Island City, New York.

Page 447 - Subject appeared as counsel for JOHN W. NELSON; 2656 Putnam Drive, Erie, Pa., President of Local 506, UERMWA at Erie.

Page 452 - Subject appeared as counsel for ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, RFD 3, Greensburg, business agent of Local 610, UERMWA, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Pages 455-460 (testimony) - Enclosed for New Haven is an autostat of subject's testimony.

The following are characterizations of THOMAS QUINN, JOHN W. NELSON and ROBERT KIRKWOOD. Pittsburgh is not in possession of a characterization of THOMAS B. WRIGHT.

In testimony before the HCUA in February, 1950, MATTHEW CVETIC, a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania who regularly furnished information to the FBI from 1942 to January, 1950, identified THOMAS QUINN as a member of the CP assigned to carry the CP line into the UERMWA and to build the CP in that union.

In 1944, Former [ ] who has not been publicly disclosed and who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised that JOHN NELSON attended four meetings of the Erie Branch, District 5 CP, at Booker T. Washington Center, Erie, Pa., between 1/4/44 and 4/23/44.

Former [ ] (deceased), who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that JOHN NELSON held CP card number 74856 in 1944; held CPA card number 75031 as of 12/8/44; and permitted his home to be used to hold an Erie Branch CP meeting on 2/17/46. b7D

On 4/6/54, [ ] who requested that his identity be protected, advised [ ]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-354897)

6/22/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-89559)

MARSHALL PERLIN  
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On 5/20/59, NY 1286-S\* reported that MARSHALL PERLIN confided to ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN that some clients of his were going into the import-export business and were in need of a manager. PERLIN stated that the Soviet Union was one of the areas in which they were interested and he asked NEEDLEMAN for his assistance in finding a Russian-speaking person who would be suitable for the job. PERLIN disclosed that there were substantial business interests financing the venture and that the manager to be engaged would receive a salary of from \$125.00 to \$150.00 a week.

On 6/4/59, NY 1537-S\* reported that MARSHALL PERLIN visited NEEDLEMAN's office accompanied by his law partner, FRANK DONNER. The latter spoke of "these two guys going abroad" and mentioned that "they had a package (deal)".

PERLIN revealed that one of his clients had a lot of money while the other one had a lot of machinery and was "a professional trader." PERLIN also indicated that he had been to Russia and that he had met with Prodimorg "all the way down the Line." He mentioned that he had met NIKOLAI MOURAVIEV, former head of Amtorg in the US, who had told PERLIN of knowing NEEDLEMAN.

PERLIN told NEEDLEMAN that he had seen Stanko (ph) Import, Prodimorg, Techmarsh (ph) Import (which he described as a new organization) and "the auto". He indicated that he was interested in the "Moscowitz" and "Volga" cars for import purposes. NEEDLEMAN thought this field was still open although Amtorg had asked an individual in Brooklyn, who has a Chrysler agency, to give them an idea of what he handles. PERLIN stated that he had talked to the Russians three or four hours on the subject of automobiles. He said that they were not so much concerned with getting a distributor of their product in the US as with their ability to supply adequate maintenance service and parts.

- 4 - Bureau (100-354897) (RM)  
1 - (100-341652) (I.G. NEEDLEMAN)  
1 - (100-25688) (FRANK DONNER)  
1 - New Haven (100-14085) (FRANK DONNER) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-78633) (I.G. NEEDLEMAN)  
1 - New York (100-11342) (FRANK DONNER)  
1 - New York (100-89559)

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FRANK DONNER told NEEDLEMAN that he had discussed this "deal" with other people, some of whom had dealt with the Soviet Union through Amtorg, and others who had dealt directly with the Russians. He revealed that his clients planned to open an office in NY and were prepared to spend between \$1000.00 and \$1200.00 a month. He stated that the main problem was to get "this thing on the road" and to figure out how Amtorg would fit into the picture. NEEDLEMAN felt that henceforth Amtorg would not play the role it had in the 1930's and that more concerns would deal directly with the Russians for purchases from that country, though it would still be necessary to go through Amtorg for sales to the Soviet Union.

PERLIN then said that the foremost problem was to determine the most effective way of dealing with Amtorg. He said that a number of business men had told him that the best way to accomplish anything was to deal directly. NEEDLEMAN admitted that this was true and pointed out that Amtorg was not doing any business and was waiting for the day when trade would be resumed. He felt that for this reason "small fry" were coming over to work at Amtorg. He mentioned that the current President of the organization does not even speak English and pointed out that the Russians have never before sent someone over who does not know the language.

DONNER questioned NEEDLEMAN regarding items that the Russians might be interested in buying here. NEEDLEMAN said that he knew for one thing that they were interested in certain medical supplies, including some anti-biotics which have not been approved by the Dept. of Commerce for export "on the grounds that they could be used by the Russian Army." NEEDLEMAN remarked that Secretary STRAUSS, if confirmed, "certainly would be tough."

NEEDLEMAN told PERLIN and DONNER that they must figure on making most of their money on Russian imports sold here. He suggested that they could "sell a million dollars worth of crabmeat tomorrow" just by calling up a large distributor. He said that HARRIMAN in that day's issue of "The New York Times", 6/4/59, had stated that there were no more slave labor camps in Russia, in view of which the presidential proclamation forbidding the entry of goods produced by slave labor could be fought at this stage. NEEDLEMAN said that the burden of proof would be on the US Government.

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PERLIN appeared more interested in what the Soviets might want to buy here. NEEDLEMAN told him that they have indicated that they would like to buy machinery, such as power shovels, but that "the stuff they want to buy, you can't get an export license for."

NEEDLEMAN did not think there would be any trade with Russia or China until after the 1960 elections but that this was the time to lay the foundations for future trade relations. He told PERLIN that if his client did not mind investing \$20,000.00 or \$25,000.00 now, he stood to make millions. He said they should make a real effort to get the distributorship for Russian cars. PERLIN stated that his client wanted to have an option, for which he was willing to pay, and wanted to acquire six, eight, or ten cars immediately in order to drive them over American roads and to have American mechanics check their operation. NEEDLEMAN told them that VASILY BOKIN was the person to see at Amtorg regarding cars.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

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1 Mr. Floyd

SAC, New Haven (100-14085)

September 8, 1959

Director, FBI (100-25688)

FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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0-1 to WFO  
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A name check request has been received from the Passport Division of the Department of State which indicates that the captioned individual has made application for a passport. Washington Field should, therefore, check appropriate records at the Department of State for available information concerning Donner.

New Haven remain alert in this matter. Upon receipt of information further indicating the subject's contemplated travel abroad, submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination containing pertinent information of the subject's background and travel plans.

For the information of Washington Field, subject was born 2-25-11 at Brooklyn, New York, and resides at 30 Dock Road, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

2 - Washington Field (100-2771)

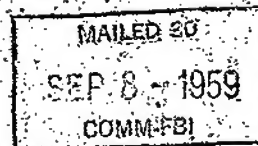
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject was removed from the Security Index 6-22-55 inasmuch as his known activities were insufficient to warrant his retention thereon. Donner is an attorney and has represented various individuals before HCUA hearings. Most recent report dated 5-18-59. Copies of pertinent reports have been furnished State and CIA.

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Subj: Donner, Frank Louis

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 10/19/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-2771)

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM-C  
(OO:NH)

ReBulet to New Haven dated 9/8/59.

The file for FRANK JORIS DONNER at the Passport Office, Department of State, as reviewed on 10/1/59, by SE JOHN R. CRUMP, reflected the following information concerning the subject:

Subject, on 7/9/59, was issued passport number 1697054 for a proposed three-week trip to Finland, France, Italy, and Russia for pleasure and business. He listed his permanent residence at 30 Dock Road, S. Norwalk, Conn., and a mailing address at 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, NY. He stated he was to depart from NY by air on 7/21/59. Subject was described as follows:

Height:	5' 11"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None listed
Occupation:	Lawyer

Other background information in the file revealed that DONNER was issued passport number 563953 on 7/1/38, for a proposed two-months' trip to France, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and USSR for travel. He listed his birth date as 2/27/11, at Brooklyn, NY. This was substantiated by a birth affidavit subscribed and sworn on 6/29/38, by the subject's

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- 2 - New Haven (100-14085) (Encls. 7) (RM)
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father, ~~SAM~~ DONNER. DONNER listed his permanent residence at 63 W. 70th Street, NY. The identifying witness to the 1938 passport was one BERNARD M. (2) ~~FARELHOFF~~, 111 W. 94th Street, NYC, NY.

Notation in this file revealed it was reviewed by the FBI on 8/19/41, and by the Civil Service Commission on 6/7/43.

Enclosed for the New Haven Office are six photographs and one negative of subject, dated July, 1959. RUC.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 12/29/59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14085)

SUBJECT: FRANK DONNER  
SM - C0-1, NH, 2-1-60  
Rest with the Subject  
By 2/12/60 271/21 to NH  
0-1 344  
WHF: mmr

The New York Office is aware that during the summer of 1959, that the Subject traveled to Europe, and information received from New York indicates the possibility that Subject traveled in the company of [REDACTED]

For the information of the New York Division, it has been determined through reliable sources that Subject allegedly while in Europe was promised an unspecified position in connection with an airline, possibly a Soviet airline. Informants were unable to advise whether this would be some type of administrative position which the Subject could perform from New York City, and were further unable to advise whether this offer was made in connection with the plans of the Subject and his law partners to set up a travel agency for tours to the Soviet Union.

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On December 18, 1959, [REDACTED], Southern New England Telephone Co., Business Office, [REDACTED], South Norwalk, Connecticut, advised that the following toll calls to New York City were made from the telephone listed to the Subject at Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut:

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Exp. 1/1/60  
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DATE

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BA 7-9893

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TR 6-1143

New York is requested to identify the subscribers to the above listed numbers and where pertinent, check indices. New York further requested to conduct appropriate investigation in the event the identification of any of the listed subscribers appear to tie in with Subject's alleged connection with an airline.



FBI

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DATE: 12/18/59

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-44883)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-17119)

SUBJECT: VALENTIN M. SPIRIDONOV  
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ReNYtel to Bureau dated 12/4/59, CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

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On 12/18/59, observation post in vicinity of Amtorg Trading Corp., 355 Lexington Ave., observed subject in conversation with ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY and an individual subsequently identified as FRANK J. DONNER (Bufile 100-25688) NY file (100-11342), in the offices of the Amtorg Trading Corp. FRANK J. DONNER was identified from a photo in his file by SAS LAWRENCE E. MILLER, THOMAS P. SELLECK, Jr., and CARLTON F. KEMPH, who surveilled him from Amtorg Corp., 355 Lexington Ave., to 342 Madison Ave., DONNER entered 342 Madison Ave., and proceeded to the 9th floor where he entered Room 930, Intercontinental Materials Co., Inc. The name FRANK DONNER appears on the door of Room 930. Above for information of Bureau.

8-Bureau (105-44883) (SPIRIDONOV) (RM)

(2-100-219710) (SVENCHANSKY)

(2-105-82773) (Intercontinental Materials Co., Inc.)

(2-100-25688) (DONNER)

2-Newark (105-6542) (SPIRIDONOV)

(1-105-3113) (SVENCHANSKY)

1-New Haven (100-14085) (DONNER)

1-New York (100-95921) (SVENCHANSKY)

1-New York (105-38044) (Intercontinental Materials Co., Inc.)

1-New York (100-11342) (DONNER)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 12/18/59

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, *New Haven* (Your file *100-14085*) DATE: *11-10-59*FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial *100-25688*)SUBJECT: *Frank Joris Donner*  
*sm-c*Office of Origin: *N. H.*

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. *1264*

Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for delay *Under investigation and current report being prepared*

2. ☒ Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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SAC, New Haven (100-14085)

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FRANK JONES BONNER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 2-11-60.

Inasmuch as the bulk of subject's recent activity has been in the New York City area where subject maintains an office, and since it is felt that New York is in a better position to follow the activities of Bonner, the Bureau agrees with your recommendation in relet that the New York Office be made office of origin. Since all information concerning subject is in the possession of New York, it will not be necessary to submit Form FD-128, and New York is hereby being designated office of origin.

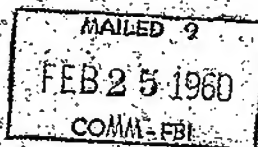
New York thoroughly review its file concerning Bonner, and specifically the leads set out in New Haven report dated 2-11-60. Any additional leads believed logical should be also considered.

2 - New York (100-11342)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is an attorney and has represented various individuals before HCUA hearings. He was also involved in the defense of the Smith Act subjects in Connecticut. Subject's office is in New York City and his contacts as indicated above are generally in the New York City area. His activities can best be followed by sources of the New York Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 2/11/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14085)

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SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 2/11/60 at  
New Haven.

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The Bureau is requested to consider designating the  
New York Office as origin in this matter for the  
following reasons:

1. Current investigation, as reflected in this  
report, indicates that subject is relatively almost  
totally inactive in CP and related matters in Connec-  
ticut. As will be noted by a perusal of this report,  
the great bulk of current pertinent information con-  
cerning subject is being received by New York sources,  
inasmuch as subject's activities are taking place  
almost entirely in the New York City area.

2. At the present time one of the more interesting  
phases of subject's activities is his attempt to  
establish business connections with the Soviet Union.  
It is anticipated that in this connection subject will  
in the future be in contact with various members of  
the Soviet Diplomatic staff, all of whom are precluded  
from traveling to Connecticut, and on whom the New  
York Office already has excellent coverage. In this  
same connection, subject is in frequent contact with  
CP leaders and members in New York City, as reported  
herein by numerous New York informants.

3. Information concerning subject's connections with  
CP related organizations, such as the UERMWA, is being  
received almost entirely from New York City sources.

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4. Generally, it is felt that New York as origin could best monitor current activities of subject through current sources and through the normal development of additional sources in the New York area.

5. Inquiries in the South Norwalk area have indicated that subject merely uses his home as a commutation point, and has made no recent attempts to become involved in CP or related activities in Connecticut.

In the event the Bureau is in agreement with the above comments, it is noted that instant report contains all information concerning subject in the possession of this office.

By letter dated 9/8/59, the Bureau suggested that upon receipt of information indicating subject's contemplated travel abroad a memorandum be prepared embodying subject's travel plans. It is noted that information concerning subject's travel to the Soviet Union was not received until after the completion of such travel. Instant report contains all information developed to date concerning this travel.

In accordance with provisions of SAC Letter 59-66, Section I, dated 11/3/59, consideration was given to interviewing subject concerning his travel to the Soviet Union. A review of subject's file indicates that subject, an attorney, has been active for an extended period in defending CP members and representing CP front organizations. Subject's activities along these lines appear to represent a substantial portion of his income as an attorney. It is noted that subject refused to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee when called upon to testify before that Committee at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 3/59. It does not, therefore, appear that an interview with subject would be productive and, accordingly, no recommendation for such interview is being made.

Inasmuch as the Bureau is being requested to consider changing origin in this matter, New Haven is not at this time commenting on the possible inclusion of subject on the Security Index.

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SAC, New York (105-38044)

1-4-60

Director, FBI (105-82773)

INTERCONTINENTAL MATERIALS COMPANY, INC.  
IS - R

Re New York airtel 12-21-59 captioned  
"Valentin M. Spiridonov, IS - R," New York file  
105-44883. For your information, State Department  
advised in August, 1959, that Frank J. Donner,  
New York file 100-11342, was applying for a U.S.  
passport. The New Haven Office is presently  
conducting investigation concerning Donner under  
an SM - C character. New York should furnish  
New Haven with information concerning the contact  
of the Intercontinental Materials Company, Inc.,  
with the subsidiary of the Watervan Products Company, Inc.,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and pertinent information  
which New York has developed to date. An extra copy  
of this let is being furnished New York for its file  
100-11342 concerning Donner. One copy of this let  
is being forwarded to the New Haven Office for its  
file 100-14085 concerning Frank J. Donner.

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Report of SA  dated 5/18/59 at New York.  
Bureau letter to New Haven dated 9/8/59.  
Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated 7/8/59.  
New Haven letters to Bureau dated 6/17/59 and 12/29/59.  
Bureau letter to New York dated 1/4/60, entitled, "INTERCONTINENTAL MATERIALS COMPANY, INC., IS-R."

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By separate letter, Bureau is being requested to designate New York office of origin.

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NH T-3 [REDACTED] PSI ✓	Instant Report
NH T-4 [REDACTED] PSI ✓	Instant Report
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Documentation, BERNARD  
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(Deceased)  
Documentation, JOHN NELSON

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former CP member - by request  
Documentation, ROBERT KIRKWOOD

NH T-43

Instant Report

[redacted] So. New England  
Telephone Co.,  
So. Norwalk, Conn.  
Request

The following informants were used to document the organizations set forth in the Appendix Section of this report:

BILL OF RIGHTS FUND:

[redacted]  
LOUIS BUDENZ

BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND:

[redacted] Inspector's Office, USPO, NYC

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PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT SELF DEFENSE COMMITTEE:

[redacted]  
Informants who were described in the details of this report as being acquainted with some phases of CP and related activity in the South Norwalk, Conn., area, and who advised in 1/60 that they could furnish no information indicating subject has been active in CP or related matters, are as follows:

[redacted] contacted on 1/5/60 by SA FRANK B. WATTS  
[redacted] contacted on 1/5/60 by SA FRANK B. WATTS

PSI [redacted] contacted on 1/8/60 by SA [redacted]

PSI [redacted] contacted on 1/25/60 by SA [redacted]

Sas of the FBI who observed subject at the Amtorg Trading Corp., NYC, on 12/18/59, were [redacted] X  
THOMAS P. SELLECK, JR., and CARLTON F. KEMPH.

LEADS

NEW YORK:

At New York City

1. Will furnish pertinent information re toll calls made to NYC from telephone of subject in South Norwalk, Conn., as set forth in relet to Director 12/29/59.
2. Will furnish New Haven Office information re Intercontinental Materials Co., Inc., as instructed in reBulet to New York dated 1/4/60, and conduct any necessary additional investigation to determine subject's connection with this company.
3. Will through logical sources attempt to determine whether subject has other business contacts with Soviet Union.

In the event Bureau changes origin in this matter to New York, that office will furnish New Haven only information of interest to this office.

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NEW HAVEN:

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At Norwalk, Conn.

1. Will maintain contact with confidential sources to obtain any available information re business and other activity of subject.
2. Will await decision of Bureau re changing origin in this matter to New York Office.
3. Will follow request to Bureau to have New York designated as office of origin.

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FRANK JORIS DONNER

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SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

AND FIELD OFFICES

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Synopsis:

Sources advise subject resides 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and is employed with the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City. Sources advised that during 1957-59 subject in contact on numerous occasions with Communist Party members and leaders, New York City, area, and subject's law firm described as the "Party contact with the main Negro organizations, particularly with nationally known Negro personalities". According to sources, during 1959, subject's firm active in attempting to establish tourist bureau for tours to Soviet Union, and subject apparently interested in other business dealings with Soviets. Subject traveled to Russia in August, 1959, and sources advise he allegedly obtained business connection with Soviets, possibly with Soviet airline. Subject's name appears on door of Intercontinental Materials Company, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, address of subject's law firm. Payments made to subject and/or his law firm by United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), Pittsburgh Smith Act Self Defense Committee, Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund, Sobell Committee, Bill of Rights Fund, set forth. Testimony of subject before House Committee on Un-American Activities, March, 1959, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, set out. Physical description set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

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A. Residence

NH T-1 and NH T-2 advised on January 19, 1960, that subject continues to reside at 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut. On February 5, 1960, NH T-3 also advised that subject currently resides with his wife and family at 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

B. Employment

On January 19, 1960, NH T-1 and NH T-2 advised that subject is a member of the New York City law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, with offices at Madison Avenue, New York City. Informants further advised that subject commutes to his employment on a daily basis from South Norwalk.

Informants advised on October 24, 1959, and January 19, 1960, that through casual conversations with various residents of the Village Creek community they had ascertained that in August of 1959, subject had traveled to the Soviet Union and had returned to the United States by the Labor Day weekend, 1959. Subject allegedly had made arrangements with Russian officials for a connection of an unspecified nature with a Russian company, possibly a Russian airline, which he would represent in the United States.

Informants learned that subject had not found it possible to return directly to the United States from Russia, and had gone to Paris, France, from which place he had allegedly taken a plane to either Bermuda or Mexico, then to the United States. Informants stated that they could locate no one who really knew anything specific about subject's alleged new business connection with the Soviet Union and that the most positive information they could obtain was that subject did in fact have some type of new business contact with Russia.

On February 5, 1960, NH T-3 advised that he could furnish no information about any employment of the subject in addition to the fact that he was a member of the New York City law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin.

On January 25, 1960, NH T-4 advised that subject was currently employed with a New York City law firm, and that he had no information indicating any other employment for subject.

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C. Credit and Criminal

On February 5, 1960, [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, Credit Rating Bureau, which covers South Norwalk, Connecticut, advised that the files of that bureau contain no current information pertaining to the subject. b6 b7C

On February 5, 1960, Lieutenant [redacted] of the Norwalk, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that the records of his department contain no information identifiable with the subject.

II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Contacts with Communist Party Leaders and Members

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 26, 1957, NH T-5 advised that on that date ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN planned to confer with the subject at the latter's office. Informant stated that subject was anxious to discuss some legal questions with NEEDLEMAN, but was unable to furnish any information concerning the nature of these questions. \*

NH T-5 and T-6 advised during 1957 and 1958, that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. NEEDLEMAN has represented current and former members of the CP before Congressional Committees, in courts and has served as a custodian of CP funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrine and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research. \*

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NH T-7 advised during March, 1958, that NEEDLEMAN has acted as a Soviet espionage agent. ~~(S)~~

On June 18, 1957, NH T-8 advised that on that same date, ABNER GREEN had indicated that he would visit subject at the latter's office that day. Informant had no information relating to the reason for this visit.

On June 21, 1957, NH T-5 advised that on that date, ABNER GREEN reminded ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN that he should attend a meeting with subject at the latter's office on June 28, 1957. Informant could furnish no information pertaining to the subject matter of this meeting. ~~(S)~~

On June 24, 1957, NH T-5 advised that on that date, ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN discussed the MATLES case with subject, who related that the government recognized the Jencks Decision applies to denaturalization cases. NEEDLEMAN previously told ABNER GREEN that the subject had petitioned for a reopening of the MATLES case on the basis of the Jencks Decision. ~~(S)~~

The September 8, 1959, issue of the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, carried an article on page 35 concerning the death on September 5, 1959, of ABNER GREEN, and describing him as former Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~(S)~~ On June 25, 1957, NH T-9 advised that on the same date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON at CP Headquarters, New York City, made plane reservations with the TWA Airlines for a round trip ticket to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for subject on July 6, 1957. Informant could not furnish any information concerning the purpose of this trip. ~~(S)~~

The January 8, 1959, edition of "The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, on page 15, identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.



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On July 17, 1957, NH T-9 advised that on that date WILLIAM PATTERSON at CP Headquarters, New York City, had attempted to contact subject to tell him that the date of a scheduled meeting, nature not known to informant, had been changed to July 26, 1957. ~~Q~~

The January 26, 1958, issue of "The Worker", page 4, column 3, described WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as the General Manager of that newspaper.

On July 19, 1957, NH T-10 advised that among material maintained at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, was the following telegram: ~~Q~~

"There is a general feeling that a rounded discussion of the significance of the Supreme Court's recent decisions would be extremely helpful. Would it be possible for you to attend such a discussion Friday, July 26 at 1 PM at 23 West 26th St., New York City. Expenses paid.

/s/ JOHN ABT" C.P. member

Informant indicated that this telegram had been sent to several individuals, including the subject.

On August 15, 1957, NH T-11 also observed a similarly worded telegram in the office of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, and New York State Communist Party, followed by a list of names, including that of the subject. ~~Q~~

On March 22, 1954, [redacted] Northampton, Massachusetts, in describing her past Communist Party activities in Washington, D.C., during the 1930's, identified JOHN ABT as an individual known to her as a Communist Party member during that time. b6 b7C

"The Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958, in its issue of April 6, 1954, page 3, column 2, made mention of a forthcoming dinner in honor of the 50th birthday of JOHN ABT. The article stated in part that "ABT, noted civil liberties attorney, has been in the forefront of the progressive fight for over 20 years... He is co-counsel representing the CP in the McCarran Act case."

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On July 31, 1957, <sup>P3</sup> NH T-9 advised that on that date subject contacted GEORGE WATT at CP Headquarters, New York City, and advised that Pittsburgh had received a motion that the WRIGHT testimony be thrown out on the grounds that it was circumstantial. Informant advised on August 7, 1957, that WATT, in discussing the case pending against him in Federal Court, mentioned that one ALEX WRIGHT had testified that WATT was the leader of the Communist Party underground in Pittsburgh. ~~X~~

On August 14, 1957, informant advised that on that date subject was in contact with WILLIAM ALBERTSON at CP Headquarters in New York City. ~~X~~

On May 29, 1957, NH T-12 advised that during the New York County CP Committee Meeting, held May 28, 1957, it was announced that GEORGE WATT was elected Organizational Secretary of the New York State CP on May 22, 1957.

On March 5, 1958, NH T-7 advised that he had learned from a CP leader on March 4, 1958, that GEORGE WATT had resigned his position of New York State CP Organizational Secretary. ~~\$~~

On October 29, 1957, NH T-9 advised that on that date subject contacted CP Headquarters, New York City, and obtained the telephone numbers in New Haven, Connecticut, of SIDNEY TAYLOR and [redacted] ~~X~~

<sup>SIL</sup> On March 13, 1958, NH T-13 advised that SIMON S. SILVERMAN, commonly known as SIDNEY TAYLOR, was a current member of the State Committee, CP of Connecticut. b6 b7C

On April 7, 1957, NH T-14 advised that [redacted] had recently attended the State Convention, CP of Connecticut, as a delegate.

On November 6, 1957, NH T-6 advised that on that date subject had been in contact with ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN. However, informant was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the nature of this contact.

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On November 14, 1957, NH T-15 advised that on that date, JOSEPH ROBERTS contacted subject at New York City, and discussed a recent decision of the U. S. Circuit Court regarding the Philadelphia Smith Act trial. ROBERTS agreed to meet at subject's office on November 18, 1957.

Informant described ROBERTS as District Executive Secretary, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and a member of the CP, USA, National Committee.

On April 30, 1958, NH T-16 advised that on May 1, 1958, SIDNEY TAYLOR planned to meet MARTHA STONE and her husband at the subject's office in New York City, to discuss returning some bonds to STONE which had been used as bail money.

Informant advised on March 28, 1958, that as of that date MARTHA STONE was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA. *N.Y.*

On March 15, 1959, NH T-17 advised that material maintained by ALEXANDER STABER reflected that the subject had been in contact with STABER on an unknown date. *Conn. Pa.*

On May 29, 1958, NH T-18 advised that as of that date ALEXANDER STABER was a member of the District Board, CP of Western Pennsylvania.

On June 19, 1959, T-7 advised that at a meeting of the Reserve Fund Committee, held June 17, 1959, at New York City, CP functionary ISADORE WOFSEY advised that in a recent conference with [redacted] he learned that she had been instructed by BEN DAVIS, JR. to give any donations she might make for Negro work to ARTHUR KINOY, of the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, which DAVIS described as "the Party contact with the main Negro organizations, particularly with nationally known Negro personalities." *\$*

*Ben* The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as one of 20 members at large of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957. *N.Y.*

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, listed DAVIS as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

DAVIS was convicted in U. S. District Court, New York, on 10-14-49, for violation of the Smith Act.

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Confidential Informants, who are acquainted with some phases of CP and related activity in the South Norwalk, Connecticut, area, advised in January, 1960, that they could furnish no information indicating that subject has been active in CP or related matters.

B. Attempts to Set Up Business Connection  
with the Soviet Union

On April 28, 1959, NH T-19 advised that according to WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a New York City law firm named Donner, Kinoy and Perlin planned to establish a bureau to organize tours to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and would have a monopoly in this field. The firm proposed to handle specific groups such as teachers, doctors, attorneys, etc., and would collect a percentage of fees charged by travel agencies. The firm is prepared to invest capital in this operation if they secure permission from socialist countries. ALBERTSON said one of these partners, possibly KINOY, had traveled to the Soviet Union and made a proposal there and also presented their proposition to an official of the Soviet Embassy. ✓

According to ALBERTSON, the group is prepared to register as foreign agents and are primarily interested in making money. ALBERTSON claimed that if the firm needed money he would place FRANCES DAMON in their operation to guarantee the interests of the CP. ✗

ALBERTSON mentioned that EUGENE DENNIS would have to vouch for this group, but so far had refused to do so. DENNIS has advised he would want to have other additional individuals in this operation if the CP, USA approves this plan. ✗

Informant stated the proposal suggested that groups which the Soviet authorities are most anxious to invite to their country would be reached in large numbers, and suggested the establishment of a bureau or agency to solicit groups, cooperate with appropriate Soviet ministries as to activity and length of tours, and work with existing travel agencies regarding accommodations. The agency would be financed by those travel agencies authorized to book travel to the Soviet Union. ✗

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EUGENE DENNIS has been described by NH T-27 as Chairman, CP, USA, 1959, having been nominated at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10-13, 1959, at the Hotel Theresa, New York City. (X)

On September 6, 1956, NH T-26 advised that [redacted] had advised him at many different times that she was a member of the CP. Informant further advised that [redacted] attended a closed meeting of the New York State Committee of the CP in June or July, 1956.

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On May 28, 1959, NH T-19 advised that arrangements had recently been made by a CP official to transmit to the Soviet Union an outline of the proposal of the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin to establish a travel agency for tours to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. Informant advised that accompanying the outline was a letter indicating that according to EUGENE DENNIS, the CP, USA would not oppose the establishment of this bureau, but did not believe that any one group should have a monopoly for such travel. (X)

On June 4, 1959, T-6 reported that MARSHALL PERLIN and subject visited ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN on that date at the latter's office, at which time the conversation centered about the possibility of handling Russian imports, particularly automobiles. DONNER advised NEEDLEMAN he had discussed a "deal" with other people, some of whom had dealt with the Soviet Union through Amtorg and others who had dealt directly with the Russians. He stated he had clients who were prepared to spend between \$1,000.00 and \$1,200.00 monthly, and the problem was to decide how Amtorg would fit in the picture. NEEDLEMAN pointed out that the most effective manner of doing business with the Russians was to deal directly with them. (X)

On January 15, 1954, NH T-21 advised he knew MARSHALL PERLIN when PERLIN attended Columbia University Law School, New York City, 1945-47. He stated PERLIN was active in the CP student group at Columbia Law School in 1946.

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On August 10, 1959, NH T-22 and NH T-23 advised that on July 25, 1959, they met subject at a meeting which included [redacted] the subject and his wife. At that time subject pointed out that he expected to go to Moscow, Russia, in about a week representing a group of travel agencies for whom he intended to arrange contacts. b6  
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Subject also mentioned at this time that he would represent WILLARD UPHAUS if given the opportunity.

On July 20, 1959, NH T-5 advised that on that date he had learned that subject was anxious to talk to an Amtorg official. At this time DONNER also mentioned that he hoped to go to the Soviet Union in the first week of August.

Information concerning Amtorg may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

NH T-24 advised on November 27, 1953, that he believed that WILLARD UPHAUS was a member of the CP due to the intensity of opinions expressed by him, which followed the "CP line". Further, on the great activity of UPHAUS in CP front groups.

In September, 1959, NH T-25 advised that [redacted] had recently discussed a trip made by her to Russia in the recent past which she felt had been highly successful, having met many officials of the Soviet Union, particularly those connected with tourist travel, who gave a favorable hearing to her plan to help establish a tourist agency in the United States which would handle tourists to the Soviet Union and from the Soviet Union to the United States. [redacted] wanted preferred status for the agency, but the Soviet Union does not plan to give it such status since there is an existing agreement with the United States that Intourist, the Russian travel control agency, will divide its favors and won't favor one travel agency over the other. Informant stated that according to [redacted], the Russians advised that if an agency is set up, Intourist will recognize it and will afford it the same treatment as the others. Source stated that according to BERNARD ADES, [redacted] accountant, her trip was actually not too successful in that she got no more than anyone would who wished to set up a travel agency. b6  
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Source further advised that an individual named ~~FRANK~~, an <sup>Russia</sup> ~~Comm.~~ attorney, whose last name informant did not know, was with [redacted] on her trip. Source stated that FRANK is extremely interested in the travel agency and may be the one to actually set up this agency. Informant could not state whether or not the FRANK referred to is identical with subject.

On September 11, 1958, NH T-26 advised that at a meeting of the Bronx County CP Committee, New York City, held September 10, 1958, BERNARD ADES was dropped from the Committee. Informant further advised that ADES had previously resigned his position as Acting Chairman of the Bronx County CP, effective August 6, 1958.

On September 22, 1959, NH T-25 advised that on that date [redacted] discussed with BERNARD ADES factors bearing on the set-up of a tourist agency, stating she had just applied for an Intourist license for FRANK and herself in the name of Intercultural Travel Service, which she stated "was cleared". She stated there would have to be two separate operations; one, an Incorporated Intercultural Travel Service to handle tours for individuals, and two, a travel agency to handle general tickets. [redacted] stated that of all travel in the USSR, including accommodations, Intourist gives its agents 10% commission after a period of six months.

Informant could not further identify the FRANK referred to by [redacted].

A review of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, conducted October 1, 1959, by SE [redacted], reflected the following information regarding subject:

Subject, on July 9, 1959, was issued Passport No. 1697054, for a proposed three week trip to Finland, France, Italy and Russia for pleasure and business. He listed his permanent residence as 30 Dock Road, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and a mailing address at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York. He stated he was to depart from New York by air on July 21, 1959.

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Subject was described as follows:

Height:	5'11"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and Marks:	None listed
Occupation:	Lawyer

Other background information in the file revealed that DONNER was issued Passport No. 563953 on July 1, 1938, for a proposed two months trip to France, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and the USSR for travel. He listed his birth date as February 27, 1911, at Brooklyn, New York. This was substantiated by a birth affidavit subscribed and sworn to on June 29, 1938, by the subject's father, SAM DONNER. His permanent residence was listed as 63 West 70th Street, New York.

On December 18, 1959, Special Agents of the FBI observed subject at the offices of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City, after which subject was noted to proceed to 342 Madison Avenue, where he entered Room 930 on the ninth floor. The door of this room bears the name of subject, as well as the name Intercontinental Materials Company, Inc. b7D

### III. CONNECTIONS WITH CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

1. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA)

NH T-28 furnished the following information concerning

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The above information from NH T-28, 29, and 30, is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Information concerning the UERMWA will be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

On September 3, 1957, NH T-31 advised that subject had attended a UE International Convention, held August 26-30, 1957, at San Francisco, California, at which subject was identified as counsel for the UE in the UE Subversive Activities Control Board case and MATLES case and gave a resume of those cases, stating that government witnesses had been proven to be liars and paid stooges. Subject, according to informant, further stated that recent Supreme Court decisions indicated a turning of the tide.

Informant further indicated that JAMES J. <sup>Calif</sup> MATLES, defendant in the MATLES case, referred to above, was re-elected Director of the UERMWA.

The March 3, 1958, issue, page 5, columns 3-5 of the "UE News", official organ of the UERMWA, carried an article captioned: "FRANK DONNER, Noted Labor Attorney, UE General Counsel," which

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cited DONNER's experience as Assistant General Counsel for the CIO and United Steelworkers of America and enforcement supervisor for four years with the National Labor Relations Board, stating subject played an important part in the fight against McCarthyism and participated in the defense of UE Secretary-Treasurer in a contempt case arising out of the refusal of that official to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article stated that as a member of the firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, DONNER was counsel for UE Director of Organization JAMES J. MATLES in the pending denaturalization proceedings against MATLES.

The April 14, 1958, edition, page 11, of this periodical, reflects that the Supreme Court had dismissed Federal denaturalization proceedings against MATLES and set aside a three months contempt of court sentence on the grounds that the U. S. Department of Justice had acted lawlessly and illegally.

JOHN LAUTNER, former CP member who at the time of his expulsion, January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission of the CP, advised on October 6, 1950, that JAMES J. MATLES, Director of Organization, UERMWA, had been a CP member since 1931 and former District Functionary of the CP in 1931. MATLES was considered a CP member-at-large and did not attend CP meetings.

2. Pittsburgh Smith Act Self Defense Committee

NH T-32 advised on [REDACTED]

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Information concerning the Pittsburgh Smith Act Self Defense Committee will be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

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### 3. Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund

On February 24, 1958, NH T-33 made available a circular regarding the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund reflecting subject among attorneys for LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK, who would discuss the Barenblatt and Gojack "test cases" and how "we can regain the First Amendment..." at a meeting scheduled for February 28, 1958, at Carnegie Recital Hall, New York City. } NY

On February 25, 1958, NH T-34 also made available the above described circular.

On March 6, 1958, NH T-35 advised that subject was present at a meeting held February 28, 1958, for LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK at Carnegie Hall, New York City. Subject spoke at this meeting, criticizing the House Un-American Activities Committee and discussed recent Supreme Court decisions and the difficulty and expense of going to trial under the First rather than the Fifth Amendment.

On March 5, 1958, NH T-36 confirmed subject's attendance at this meeting, advising that subject was introduced as attorney for GOJACK and in his talk condemned the Congressional Sub-Committee dealing with subversion. Subject pointed out that attempts would be made to limit recent favorable decisions of the Supreme Court.

On March 13, 1958, NH T-37 also confirmed subject's attendance at this meeting, but could furnish no additional information pertaining to subject.

Information concerning the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund will be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

### 4. National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case

NH T-38 advised on [REDACTED]

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Information concerning the Sobell Committee is set out in the Appendix Section of this report.

5. Bill of Rights Fund

On October 30, 1957, NH T-39 advised that

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IV. TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

During March 10-12, 1959, public hearings were held before the Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), U. S. House of Representatives, Eighty-Sixth Congress, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Three pamphlets reflecting results of these hearings were issued, among them a pamphlet entitled: "Problems of Security in Industrial Establishments Holding Defense Contracts (Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 2) Dated: March 11, 1959." Pertinent portions of this pamphlet relating to the subject are set forth hereinafter:

Page 394: - Included in a summary of information concerning individuals who appeared at these hearings was a short resume concerning FRANK J. DONNER, indicating DONNER "who had been identified by responsible witnesses under oath before the Committee as a member of the Communist Party, and who on June 28, 1956, invoked constitutional privileges in response to questions respecting his membership and activities in the Party immediately prior to his appearance, testified in the instant hearings that he became General Counsel to UE a short time after his appearance before the Committee on June 28, 1956. Mr. DONNER denied present membership in the Communist Party, but invoked, by reference to previous testimony, his constitutional privileges in response to questions respecting past membership in the Communist Party."

Page 410: - Subject appeared as counsel for THOMAS QUINN, 4002 Berger Lane, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, a field organizer for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA). Subject identified himself as FRANK J. DONNER, an attorney-at-law with an office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Page 427: - RICHARD ARENS, HCUA Staff Director, included in the body of the record of these hearings "a compilation prepared by the research unit of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities which contains the listing of persons who now hold, or have held, in the recent past, key positions in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers

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Union and who have by competent, live witnesses under oath been identified as members of the Communist Party." In connection with the above, the following appeared on Page 427 concerning subject:

"DONNER, FRANK J.

FRANK DONNER was identified as a member of the Communist Party by several witnesses in testimony before this committee.

HERBERT FUCHS, a former Communist, testified on December 13, 1955, that he knew DONNER as a member of the Communist Party.

On December 14, 1955, MORTIMER RIEMER, another former member of the Communist Party, confirmed FUCHS' testimony regarding FRANK DONNER. DONNER was again identified by ex-Communist HARRY COOPER on March 1, 1956.

On June 28, 1956, FRANK DONNER appeared as a witness before this committee and invoked the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution in refusing to answer any questions regarding his membership in the Communist Party.

Subsequent to his appearance before the committee in 1956, DONNER was appointed general counsel to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. He was summoned to appear as a witness during the current hearings. His testimony will be found on page 455."

Page 438: - Subject appeared as counsel for THOMAS B. WRIGHT, Managing Editor of the "UE News", who resides at 4138 48th Street, Long Island City, New York.

Page 447: - Subject appeared as counsel for JOHN W. NELSON, 2656 Putnam Drive, Erie, Pennsylvania, President of Local 506, UERMWA, at Erie.

Page 452: - Subject appeared as counsel for ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, RFD 3, Greensburg, business agent of Local 610, UERMWA, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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In testimony before the HCUA in February, 1950, MATTHEW CVETIC, a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, who regularly furnished information to the FBI from 1942 to January, 1950, identified THOMAS QUINN as a member of the Communist Party assigned to carry the Communist Party line into the UERMWA and to build the Communist Party in that union.

In 1944, NH T-40 advised that JOHN NELSON attended four meetings of the Erie Branch, District 5, Communist Party, at Booker T. Washington Center, Erie, Pennsylvania, between January 4, 1944, and April 23, 1944.

NH T-41 has advised that JOHN NELSON held Communist Party Card Number 74856 in 1944; held CPA Card Number 75031 as of December 8, 1944; and permitted his home to be used to hold an Erie Branch Communist Party meeting on February 17, 1946.

On April 6, 1954, NH T-42 advised that ROBERT KIRKWOOD had been a member of the Communist Party from 1937 to 1944, and from 1945 to 1949, and a member of the CPA from 1944 to 1945.

The Communist Political Association (CPA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"TESTIMONY OF FRANK J. DONNER"

Mr. Arens. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, occupation.

Mr. Donner. My name is Frank J. Donner. I am an attorney and I live at Dock Road, Norwalk, Conn.

Mr. Arens. You are appearing today, Mr. Donner, in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. Donner. That is correct.

Mr. Arens. And where and when was that subpoena served, do you recall?

Mr. Donner. It was served on my birthday, February 25, in New York City.

Mr. Arens. Mr. Donner, are -----

Mr. Donner. And directly after the investigators of the committee asked my clients who their lawyer was.

Mr. Arens. Mr. Donner, are <sup>you</sup> general counsel to UE?

Mr. Donner. That is correct.

Mr. Arens. How long have you been general counsel to UE?

Mr. Donner. About 18 months. Somewhere in there. Should I have asked you before I took the job?

Mr. Arens. About when was it that you did assume your duties, do you recall?

Mr. Donner. I don't exactly.

Mr. Arens. Did you assume your duties since June 28, 1956?

Mr. Donner. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Where were you on June 28, 1956, do you recall?

Mr. Donner. I recall it very well. I was appearing before this committee, an appearance which one is hardly likely to forget since you conduct it like a circus.

Mr. Arens. And as of June 28, 1956, when you appeared before this committee were you advised by the committee that Mr. Herbert Fuchs had identified you under oath as a person known by him to have been part of the conspiratorial apparatus in this country known as the Communist Party and were you advised at that time that under oath a Mr. Mortimer Riemer had likewise testified under oath that he knew you as a member of the conspiratorial apparatus known as the Communist Party? Were you so advised?

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"Mr. Donner. You know whether I was advised. That is in the records of the committee.

Mr. Arens. Would you kindly answer the question?

Mr. Donner. I was advised that someone said I was a Communist in 1942.

Mr. Scherer. Were they lying when they said that to the committee?

Mr. Donner. I don't have to answer that.

Mr. Scherer. I ask you to direct the witness to answer the question whether the witness he referred to was lying.

Mr. Donner. I will incorporate the same answers I gave to the committee when it called me and I adopted those answers here.

Mr. Scherer. I ask you to direct the witness to answer my questions. He raised the issue and I ask whether the witness to whom he referred who identified him as a member of the Communist Party was lying or not.

Mr. Willis. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. Donner. The purpose of this is quite transparent but the fact remains that I answered the committee then. I am not in a permanent, political, supervisory payroll to this committee. I answered the committee then and you have my answer in the record and it stands there.

I don't have to spend my life explaining my prior appearances before this committee and I don't intend to.

Mr. Scherer. I ask you -----

Mr. Donner. Just because you want to make a headline.

Mr. Scherer. I ask that you direct the witness to answer the question; a typical Communist speech, I have heard them for years.

Mr. Willis. You are directed to answer.

Mr. Donner. Look, Congressman, my indifference to your smears is practically stupefying. I am delighted not to share your disapproval with Mrs. Roosevelt and other fine Americans.

Mr. Willis. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. Donner. I incorporate the answer I gave then.

Mr. Willis. Proceed.

Mr. Scherer. As a member of the bar, I am rather ashamed of your conduct.

Mr. Donner. I am not proud of yours. If you had any sensitivity of the obligations of this calling you wouldn't snatch me from the counsel table to appear here as a witness.

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"Mr. Arens. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. No.

Mr. Arens. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. I will answer that question since the last time I testified, and the answer is no. Now, two weeks ago you circulated a smear about me that I was a member of a national Communist elite. How dare you come here now and ask me whether I am a member of the Communist Party? Why didn't you think of it then?

Mr. Arens. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. I incorporate the answer I gave before this committee.

Mr. Scherer. I ask you to direct the witness to answer the question to get the record straight.

Mr. Willis. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. Donner. I decline to answer the question prior to the time I answered before, as to the time I answered before in June 1956.

I incorporate that answer by reference and my answer now and since then, I deny that I have been a Communist. Now, make the most of it.

Mr. Arens. Were you a member of the Communist Party as of June 28, 1956, when you appeared before this committee?

Mr. Donner. Don't play games with me, Mr. Arens. I told you that I will answer you since I testified that I have not been a Communist.

Mr. Arens. We can hear you if your voice is just normal.

Mr. Donner. I am just imitating you because you shout plenty yourself.

Mr. Arens. Now, may the record be clear, Mr. Chairman, that there is an outstanding question? Namely, were you a member of the Communist Party on June 28, 1956?

Mr. Donner. When did I testify before this committee?

Mr. Arens. On June 28, 1956, were you a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. I testified. I am telling you now and I don't want to play games with you, that I will say as to any political affiliations subject to June 28, 1956.

Mr. Arens. You mean subsequent?

Mr. Donner. Subsequent to. That is right. As to prior to that I incorporate my answer by reference.

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"Mr. Arens. I do not believe this last answer is quite clear. Are you saying that after your appearance before the committee on June 28, 1956, you were not a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. No. I am saying that up to the time I testified before this committee I incorporate by reference the statement, the response that I made there in response to the same question. Since that time I state to you that I am not a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Scherer. You know as a lawyer you can't incorporate by reference a statement you made before this committee at some other hearing.

Mr. Donner. You may think so. Did you ever hear of the Quinn case?

Mr. Scherer. I heard of it.

Mr. Arens. Immediately prior to your appearance before this committee on June 28, 1956, were you a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. I incorporate by reference the answer I gave this committee. There is no conceivable legislative purpose that would be served by your adducing from me here, in order to make a headline, an answer which is already incorporated in your records.

Mr. Arens. I will be glad to explain to you the legislative purpose and I am very happy that you asked the question.

Sir, this committee is here undertaking to develop factual information respecting the techniques, strategy and tactics of a conspiratorial apparatus in the United States which masquerades behind the facade known as the Communist Party.

It is the information of this committee by sworn witnesses of proven credibility that you, sir, were a member of the Communist Party, that you were part of this conspiratorial apparatus-----

Mr. Donner. You left the date out.

Mr. Arens.-----in the legal phase of the operation of the Communist Party.

It is also the information of this committee and the records reflect that on June 28, 1956, you appeared as a witness before this committee, at which time you were publicly on a sworn record confronted with a number of items respecting your own background and your own participation in this conspiracy known as the Communist Party.

You were also confronted with the sworn testimony of persons of proven credibility who appeared before this committee. You, sir, were then interrogated respecting your then membership in the Communist Party. Shortly thereafter, you assumed, so we now

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"understand, your position as general counsel, one of the principal officers of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Mr. Donner. Is that so?

Mr. Arens. We have asked you to appear here so that this committee can appraise the facts respecting the basis for your affiliation and activities as general counsel of UE.

Now, sir, with that explanation, I respectfully suggest that the chairman order and direct you to answer the question.

Mr. Donner. What is the question?

Mr. Arens. Mr. Chairman, the question is, Were you a member of the Communist Party immediately prior to the time of your appearance before the Committee on Un-American Activities on June 28, 1956?

Mr. Donner. And with respect to-----

Mr. Willis. You decline to answer. I direct you to answer it.

Mr. Donner. With respect to that--just a moment--with respect to that question, I incorporate the answer I gave to the same question which was posed to me on the day I appeared in Washington.

Mr. Arens. Have you ever resigned technical membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. Donner. You see, that question, as you know, suggests something which is not in evidence so I can't answer it.

Mr. Arens. I respectfully suggest, Mr. Chairman, the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question or invoke his constitutional privileges.

Mr. Donner. I can't answer that. I don't invoke my constitutional privileges.

Mr. Arens. Then I respectfully suggest he be directed to answer that question.

Mr. Donner. I never resigned and you have no evidence I joined, so there you are.

Mr. Scherer. We have no evidence that you joined?

Mr. Donner. Well, oh--

Mr. Willis. We have no evidence that--

Mr. Donner. Let's--you want me to say whether I resigned from the Communist Party. That is like asking me when I stopped beating my wife.

Mr. Arens. Were Hebert Fuchs, and Mortimer Riemer in error, when, under oath, before this committee, they swore that while they were in the Communist Party they knew you, sir, as a member of that conspiratorial apparatus?

Mr. Donner. Why don't you say about what time they swore?

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"Mr. Arens. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness now be ordered and directed to answer that question.

Mr. Donner. I incorporate in response to that question the same answer I gave when I testified in Washington about those questions.

Mr. Arens. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. Scherer. Wait just a minute.

You were at one time an employee of the United States Government, were you not?

Mr. Donner. Yes. I answered that when you asked me in 1956.

Mr. Scherer. You were one of the lawyers in the National Labor Relations Board?

Mr. Donner. I answered that in 1956.

Mr. Scherer. Were you?

Mr. Donner. I incorporate the answer I gave you in 1956.

Mr. Scherer. Did you know Herbert Fuchs?

Mr. Donner. I incorporate the answer I gave you in 1956.

Mr. Scherer. He was also a lawyer in the National Labor Relations Board at that time, was he not?

Mr. Donner. Look, Congressman, you know what you are trying to do and I know what you are trying to do, but you are not going to do it, because as to all these questions I incorporated the answer I gave you then.

Mr. Scherer. Now, the fact is that you, Herbert Fuchs, and a number of others who were employees of the Government of the United States at that time belonged to a cell of the Communist Party operating within the National Labor Relations Board, is that not a fact?

Mr. Donner. I incorporate the answer I gave at that time.

Mr. Scherer. I submit that you were not asked that question at that time and I ask the Chairman to direct you to answer that question.

Mr. Donner. Then I believe I was, and in any event it is irrelevant, remote, far before the time I ever joined the UE and I decline to answer it.

Mr. Scherer. I ask that you direct the witness to answer my question.

Mr. Willis. Mr. Scherer states that you were not asked that question.

Mr. Donner. What question?

Mr. Scherer. The one I just asked.

Mr. Donner. Will you ask it again?

Mr. Scherer. Read it, will you?

(The record was read by the reporter as requested).

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"Mr. Donner. I was asked that question and I incorporate the answer I gave then.

Mr. Scherer. Whether you were asked it or not, I ask that the witness be directed to answer the question.

Mr. Willis. I direct you to answer.

Mr. Donner. I decline to answer it because it would serve no legislative purpose and it is purely for the purpose of getting headlines and trying to promote a smear here.

Mr. Scherer. I have no further questions.

Mr. Willis. What do you mean, promoting headlines?

Mr. Donner. Look Congressman, if you are sincerely interested in getting facts for legislation you wouldn't come here to ask people questions that you already know about because you have made a record on it. That is not the way a congressional committee operates. Unless it has some ulterior purpose.

Mr. Willis. We are spending some \$48 billion a year for national defense. That means to defend ourselves against the Communists. Now, are you naive enough to believe that the Kremlin does not try to have agents in the United States, and do you mean to say that a congressional committee of the Congress of the United States has no legislative power to legislate on the subject matter of national defense?

Mr. Donner. I don't say it has no legislative power. I say you are not exercising legislative power.

Mr. Willis. You have been saying that all afternoon. Witness excused.

Mr. Donner. All you are here to do is attack the union and injure it.

Mr. Willis. No, that is a completely untrue statement as far as I am concerned. It is an attack on the committee.

Mr. Scherer. Mr. Chairman, I ask that the transcript of the testimony taken by tape of both this last witness and Witness Quinn be made a part of the records of this committee because the cold record will not reveal the contemptuous attitude of the two witnesses to whom I have referred.

Mr. Willis. So ordered.

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"(Tape recordings above referred to retained in committee files).

Mr. Donner. There is something worse, Congressman, than having a contemptuous attitude and that is surrendering your integrity and give up your manhood.

(Witness excused)."

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

On December 18, 1959, NH T-43 advised that the following toll calls were made from the telephone listed to subject at Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place Called</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
11-14-59	New York City	OR 9-8959
11-14-59	New York City	FI 8-0014
11-15-59 (2 calls)	New York City	TU 1-1000
11-16-59	New York City	MU 2-8288
11-17-59	New York City	MU 2-8288
11-21-59	New York City	WA 7-7421
11-25-59	New York City	MU 2-8288
11-26-59	Mamaroneck, New York	OW 8-0348
11-27-59	New York City	BA 7-9893
11-29-59	New York City	KI 9-7864
12- 6-59	New York City	TR 6-1143

#### VI. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following description of subject was obtained through personal observation of subject by SA [redacted] on February 5, 1960, and records of the Passport Division, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., as checked on October 1, 1959:

Name:	FRANK JORIS DONNER
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth data:	Born February 27, 1911, Brooklyn, New York
Height:	5' 10-11"
Weight:	Approximately 200 pounds

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Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Brown, slight wave, receding at temples
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Scars and Marks:	None noted
Residence:	30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut
Occupation:	Attorney
Business Address:	342 Madison Avenue, New York City

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APPENDIX

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION

According to records of the New York County Clerk, Amtorg Trading Corporation is a New York corporation formed in 1924. It has acted since then as a buying and selling agency in the United States for the Soviet Government. Since 1949, it has been registered with the Department of Justice under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. C

BARENBLATT-GOJACK DEFENSE FUND

A confidential source advised on February 25, 1958, that P. O. Box 190, New York 27, New York, is rented by the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund. The character of this organization was listed as "Defense of the Bill of Rights."

In March and May, 1956, respectively, LLOYD BARENBLATT and JOHN T. GOJACK were convicted for "contempt of congress." BARENBLATT refused to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as he claimed the House Committee on Un-American Activities had no right to inquire into his political and religious beliefs; GOJACK refused to answer inquiries of the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning his Communist ties prior to 1949 by invoking the First Amendment.

In the transcript of hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, Second Session, dated February 28-29, 1957, page 5778, it is reflected that FRANCIS XAVIER THOMAS CROWLEY, self admitted member of the Communist Party at the University of Michigan, identified LLOYD BARENBLATT as a member of the Haldane Club of the Communist Party at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, during the late 1940's.

Another confidential source advised on December 3, 1948, that JOHN T. GOJACK admitted he was a Communist Party member.

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BILL OF RIGHTS FUND

On November 15, 1954, a confidential informant made available a mimeographed leaflet dated November 4, 1954, entitled: "Announcement of Bill of Rights Funds, CORLISS LAMONT, Chairman." This leaflet reflects that CORLISS LAMONT had set aside \$50,000.00 to initiate a special Bill of Rights Fund to give assistance to key organizations and enterprises that are working militantly and uncompromisingly for American Civil Liberties on the basis that the Bill of Rights should apply impartially to all groups and individuals in the United States; and to provide financial help in especially significant individual cases involving constitutional issues in order to assist the victims with their legal defense and to lessen economic pressures on such persons if they have lost their jobs.

On April 29, 1958, a confidential informant advised that the captioned fund continues to be active. The address for the fund continues to be 450 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, which is the residence of CORLISS LAMONT.

Another confidential informant, on June 23, 1950, advised that he had known CORLISS LAMONT as a concealed member of the Communist Party.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
- SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT  
SELF-DEFENSE COMMITTEE, aka.  
Steve Nelson Defense Committee,  
Committee to Defend Steve  
Nelson, Nelson Anti-Sedition  
Committee, New York Committee  
to Defend the Pittsburgh Smith  
Act Defendants

A confidential informant advised on November 18, 1955, that the Steve Nelson Defense Committee was an outgrowth of Civil Rights Congress (CRC) activities on behalf of STEVE NELSON and as a practical matter operated as an adjunct of the CRC. This informant stated that this Committee has operated under the following names: Committee to Defend Steve Nelson, Nelson Anti-Sedition Committee, New York Committee to Defend the Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants.

On April 11, 1957, this informant advised that this Committee was then operating under the name Pittsburgh Smith Act Self Defense Committee and has for its purpose the collection of funds and mobilization of public opinion in favor of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants:

STEVE NELSON, IRVING WEISSMAN, JAMES DOLSEN, BENJAMIN CAREATHERS and WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND  
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, is an independent labor organization, with headquarters in New York City. It was publicly expelled from the National Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), in convention in Cleveland, Ohio on November 2, 1949, on authority vested in the National CIO Executive Board to expel any of its affiliates which adhered to the policies and principles of the Communist Party (CP), rather than to the objectives set forth in the Constitution of the CIO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut  
February 11, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. NH 100-14085

Re: FRANK JORIS DONNER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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With reference to sources utilized in this report, NH T-28, 29, 30, 32, and 38 are considered to be in a position to furnish reliable information.

NH T-40 has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

Insufficient contact has been had with NH T-36 to determine his reliability.

All other informants in this report are considered to have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE:

FEB 26 1960

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11342)

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C  
(OO:NEW HAVEN)Re New Haven letter, dated 12/29/59. Report of SA  
[redacted] dated 2/11/60, at New Haven.The records of the New York Telephone Co., as reviewed  
on 1/22/60, by SA [redacted] reflect the identity of the  
following telephone numbers:OR 9-8959  
One Thirty Nine East Thirty Third Building  
139 E. 33rd Street  
New York CityFI 8-00142  
[redacted]New York City  
Additional listing [redacted]TU 1-1000  
Montefiore Hospital  
Bainbridge Avenue and E. Gunhill Road  
Bronx, New YorkMU 2-8288  
DONNER KINOY PERLIN  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York CityWA 7-7421  
[redacted]

New York City

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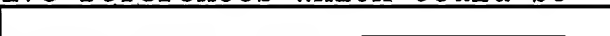


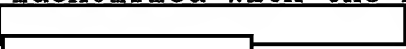


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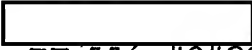

KI 9-7864  
ARTHUR KINOY  
640 West 239th Street  
Apartment 3E  
Bronx, New York

TR 6-1143  
SIDNEY R. KATZ  
1349 Lexington Avenue  
Apartment 44  
New York City *N.Y.*

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The files of the New York Division were reviewed without finding any subversive references which could be identified with the names: 

, PILDES OPTICIANS, INC.,   


It was noted that , mentioned above, is the subject of an AEAA Case, BF 116-404323. No subversive information was determined concerning  during the course of this investigation.

It is further to be noted that ARTHUR KINOY, mentioned above, is a member of the firm DONNOR KINOY PERLIN, also mentioned above, and is subject of a security matter case (BF 100-413210) (NH 100-15586).

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Concerning SIDNEY R. KATZ, 1349 Lexington Avenue,  
[redacted] (conceal identity as per request) who is  
a self admitted former CP member from about 1936 or 1937 until  
about 1944, advised SAs W.J. MC GRATH, Jr., and ROBERT E. LEONARD  
on 3/17/51, that SIDNEY KATZ was a member of the CP in  
Washington, D.C. from about 1935 to 1940.

The New York Herald Tribune, dated 3/1/56, contains  
an article on page 16, captioned "5 Plead 5th Amendment At  
House Red Inquiry." The article reflects that Mr. and Mrs.  
SIDNEY KATZ were among five former government employees who  
refused on 2/29/56, at Washington, D.C., refused on grounds of  
possible self-incrimination to answer questions of the House  
Committee on Un-American Activities about any alleged Communist  
affiliations in the past.

The article relates that Mr. and Mrs. KATZ were named  
as Communists by HERBERT FUCHS, former attorney for the National  
Labor Relations Board, in testimony before the committee in  
December. The article further relates that Mr. KATZ said that  
he was employed as an administrative worker for the Park Avenue  
Synagogue, New York. He said that he worked for the WPA from  
1935 to 1937, and served as secretary-treasurer of the CIO  
Industrial Union Council for Maryland and the District of  
Columbia from 1937 to 1945. Since then he said, he has worked  
for the American Jewish Congress in New York, was the Brooklyn  
Campaign Manager for HENRY WALLACE in 1948, worked for the  
American Development Corporation for Israel, and the American  
Association for Jewish Education.

The subject's alleged connection with an airline  
could not be determined from the above mentioned file review.

New York will cover other leads set out in referenced  
report. P.



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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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SYNOPSIS

REFERENCES

Report of SA  dated 5/18/59,  
at NY.  
Report of SA  dated 2/11/60,  
at New Haven.

ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being forwarded to  
New Haven, as the subject resides within that division's  
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Concerning lead number two, in referenced New Haven report, the New Haven Office is being furnished, by separate letter, a NY report dated 3/11/60, captioned "INTERCONTINENTAL MATERIALS COMPANY, INC.; IS - R" (IMC).

[redacted] who is in a position to furnish some information concerning import-export companies dealing with the Soviets, was contacted on 11/6/59, by SA [redacted] regarding the IMC with negative results. IMC is the subject of NY file 105-38044, Bufile 105-82773 and is a pending case in the NYO.

[redacted] on 8/7/60, advised SA PAUL J. BLASCO and JOSEPH J. PALGOUT that he does not know FRANK JORIS DONNER and he does not know anyone connected with the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC. The informant advised he does not recall having ever heard DONNER's name mentioned at Amtorg Trading Corp. (ATC) and does not know the nature of business DONNER could possibly have with ATC.

The Bureau has previously advised that information furnished by [redacted] may not be disseminated in report form without specific Bureau authority.

On 3/4/60, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he could not locate any information in his file concerning FRANK JORIS DONNER.

A suitable photograph of subject is available in the NYO.

This report is classified "~~Secret~~ Confidential", inasmuch as it contains information contributed by a current source of the NYO and if this information were disclosed it could possibly reveal informant's identity, thereby being injurious to the national defense.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D

Subject was not interviewed because of his position as an attorney, his activities with the WERMWA and his hostility displayed before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) concerning subversive organizations.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it is believed that subject's activities depict him as an individual who would be inimical to the interest of the US in the event of an emergency and an FD 122 recommending subject's inclusions in the Security Index is being submitted.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

NY T-1  
NY 2675-S\*

NY T-2  
EG 5824-S\*

NY T-3  
NY 2361-S\*

NY T-4  
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NY T-5  
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NY T-6  
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NY T-7  
WF 1062-S\*

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Informants who were contacted in May, 1960, who were unable to furnish any additional current information identifiable with the subject, are as follows:

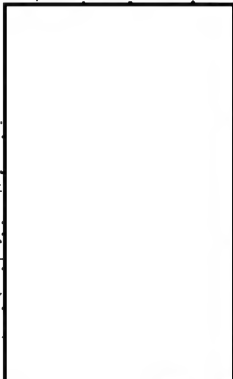
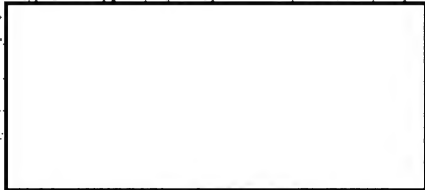
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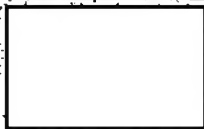

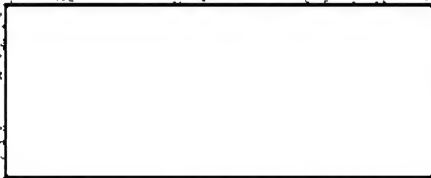



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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Special Agent</u>
	5/12/60	LEROY W. SHEETS
	5/12/60	LEROY W. SHEETS
	5/11/60	
	5/6/60	
	5/5/60	
	5/12/60	KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER

The following informants were contacted by the New Haven Office in February, 1960, and these informants could not furnish any current information identifiable with the subject:

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Special Agent</u>
	2/25/60	FRANK B. WATTS
	2/25/60	FRANK B. WATTS
PSI 	2/27/60	
PSI 	2/23/60	

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will await the decision of the Bureau concerning the subject's inclusion in the Security Index.

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Copy to:

Report of: WILLIAM E. FOLKNER

Office: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Date: JUL 13 1960

File Number: New York 100-11342

Bureau 100-25688

Title: FRANK JORIS DONNER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DONNER corresponded with Ambassador of Soviet Union in May, 1959, and proposed plan to stimulate travel to Soviet Union with associate FRANCES DAMON. DONNER's activities in travel agency discussed at CP headquarters in March, 1960. DONNER traveled to Russia for three weeks on unsuccessful business trip prior to 4/10/60. DONNER official of United Electrical Workers Union in March, 1959, and described as an attorney for United Electrical Workers Union in June, 1959. DONNER was payee of UERMWA checks in February 1960. DONNER was writer of articles concerning HCUA. Informants contacted in May, 1960 were unable to furnish current information identifiable with the subject.

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DETAILS:

I. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Activities

The CP, United States of America has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 24, 1960, NY T-1 advised that he had been informed by LOUIS WEINSTOCK that FRANK JORIS DONNER had written a letter on May 7, 1959, to M. A. MENSNIKOV, Ambassador of the Soviet Union, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., setting forth a plan for stimulating travel to the Soviet Union. The letter indicated that DONNER, an attorney, had represented clients who deal with the Soviet Union both in travel and trade fields and his associate, in this venture, Miss [REDACTED] was the former secretary of the World Federation of Democratic Youth and for eight years a member of its Secretariat.

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On December 14, 1959, NY T-2 advised that the December 13, 1959, Session of the 17th National Convention of the CP, United States of America, held in New York City, and LOUIS WEINSTOCK was elected to the National Committee, CP, United States of America.

The "Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper publication, issue of February 28, 1960, on Page 5, announced that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was named General Manager of the "Worker" effective March, 1960.

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The World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) will be characterized in the appendix hereto.

In March, 1960, NY T-3 furnished information concerning a discussion held at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, in March, 1960. According to the informant, this discussion included a suggestion that the Party sponsor a travel agency. The informant stated that it was mentioned that an attorney, FRANK DONNER, had it all set up on the legal end and for some reason or other, which no one seems to know, the deal fell through. ~~X~~

On April 11, 1960, NY T-4 advised that FRANK DONNER had discussed his three weeks stay in Moscow on April 10, 1960, and stated his trip was unsuccessful businesswise. According to the informant, DONNER further advised that the people he contacted did not have enough capital for the tourist set-up he proposed. ~~X~~

B. Evidence of Activities in Behalf  
of United Electrical, Radio, Machine  
Workers of America (UERMWA)

The UERMWA will be characterized in the appendix hereto.

The "Pittsburgh Courier", a daily newspaper, dated March 12, 1959, pages one and twenty-five in an article captioned "UE Called Threat to United States Safety", revealed FRANK DONNER, one of the officials of the United Electrical Workers Union, faced possible prosecution for contempt of Congress as a result of his conduct before the House Un-American Activities Sub-Committee in Pittsburgh on March 11, 1959, which charged the United Electrical Workers Union with being Communistically dominated and a threat to the national security.

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On June 18, 1959, NY T-5 advised that FRANK DONNER, 342 Madison Avenue, attorney, United Electrical Workers Union, was flying to Detroit, Michigan, on June 19, 1959.

On February 29, 1960, NY T-6 made available information [redacted]

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The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.



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C. Miscellaneous Activities

On March 16, 1960, NY T-9 advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN visited the home of ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, who the informant had previously described as a financial supporter of the CP, on that date, and GOLDMAN disclosed to FLYNN that FRANK DONNER, the lawyer for United Electrical Workers Union is writing an article on the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which has already been accepted. According to the informant, GOLDMAN further stated that it would be published in pamphlet form and, in an apparent reference to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, GOLDMAN stated "they're going to try to lick it .....

On December 14, 1959, NY T-2 advised that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, United States of America, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected to the National Committee and made Vice Chairman of the CP, United States of America. ~~S~~

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Informants

Several additional confidential informants who are familiar with various phases of CP and CP front activities in the New York area were contacted in May, 1960, and these informants were unable to furnish any additional current information identifiable with the subject.



APPENDIX

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE  
WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE)

The "UE Shop Steward Guide," UE Publication No. 212, Sixth Edition, 1952, reflects on pages 32-34, "UE-the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America was established in 1936 at a convention in Buffalo, N.Y. At that time the organization was called the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America. Shortly after a large group of AFL machinists' locals joined the UE and the full name became the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).

"The UE is known as an 'International Union' because companies of both the United States and Canada are under contract."

"100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Labor," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 1951, reflects on pages 80 and 81, "In 1944, the Committee on Un-American Activities found the following unions to have 'Communist leadership ... strongly entrenched:'

"United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (CIO),

"The following unions have been expelled from the CIO because of their Communist domination:

"United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America."

The "Internal Security Annual Report for 1957, Report of the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws, of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate" on page 61 refers to UE as "one of the strongest Communist controlled unions in America."

The International Headquarters of UE is located at 11 East 51st Street, New York, N.Y., according to the March 30, 1959, edition of "UE News," Official Organ of UE.

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APPENDIX

WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH

"Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" (And Appendix) revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

1. "The AYD (American Youth for Democracy) is affiliated with the World Federation of Democratic Youth, which was founded in London in November, 1945, by delegates from over 50 nations. \*\*\* From the outset the World Federation of Democratic Youth demonstrated that it was far more interested in serving as a pressure group in behalf of Soviet foreign policy than it was in the specific problems of international youth.\*\*\* So strong was the Communist domination at the London conference that it aroused the deepest concern of the English bishops." Also cited as one of the "long established Soviet-controlled international organizations" which speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy" and which has "affiliated organizations in the United States, which consequently have also been turned into instruments in the 'peace' campaign."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 271 on the American Youth for Democracy, April 17, 1947, pp. 12 and 13; and House Report 378 on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, pp. 77.)

2. Cited as being among "international Communist fronts\*\*\* functioning at the present time."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 93, also p. 59.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

JUN 3 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

100-11342

Re: Frank Joris Donner  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All informants utilized in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: JUN 15 1960

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11342)

SUBJECT: FRANK L JORIS DONNER  
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7/6/60 anClassified by 2333  
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Date of Declassification Indefinite☒ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name <b>FRANK JORIS DONNER</b>		
Aliases		
DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM: FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE DATE 11-01-2011		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race <b>White</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth <b>2/27/111</b>	Place of Birth <b>Brooklyn, New York</b>	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)  <b>Attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York</b>		
Key Facility Data  Geographical Reference Number <b>EX 104</b> Responsibility <b>15 JUN 17 1960</b>		
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address <b>30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut</b>		

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REFERENCE : SAC Letter 55-30.

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Succinct Resume of Case

Subject contacted regularly 1950, 1952 by CP members relative to legal defense of subversive groups; signed 1940 CPNP for BROWDER, was connected with CP front organizations 1941 - 1953 in Washington, D. C. and NYC and was a voting member of National Lawyers Guild in 1953. Law partners, ARTHUR KINOY and MARSHALL PERLIN, identified by reliable informants as connected with subversive movements. Subject defended Smith Act subjects in 1952. (Report of SA [redacted], dated 9/21/53 at NY). u

Informant advised in February, 1954, that FRANK DONNER was a member of a Secret CP apparatus for government employees in Washington, D. C. during the period 1939 to 1942 and conducted CP apparatus meetings at his home during that period. FRANK DONNER, NLG, appeared on list of nominees for the Constitutional Committee of the Civil Rights Congress that had been unanimously approved by the CRC in April, 1946. DONNER was critical of ROSENBERG trial in 1953 and prepared brief for Philadelphia Smith Act subjects in 1954. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/28/59 at New Haven). b6 b7C

DONNER worked in behalf of Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants in May, 1954. u

Subject was a member of the Secret Government CP group at NLRB during 1940 and elected a member of the Board of Directors for the term of 1954 - 1955 in the NY Chapter of NLG. DONNER was author of articles critical of Investigating subversive organizations by FBI and HCUA. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/20/55, at New Haven) (S)

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Subject appeared before HCUA on June 28, 1956, and invoked 5th Amendment 33 times, when questioned regarding past Communist affiliation or whether he knew certain people as Communists. DONNER connected with CRC, A.C.P.F.B. and Committee to End Sedition Laws in 1956. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/28/57.)

Subject spoke at ECLC function in 1955; participated in NLG function as late as 1957 and his name was observed at NY State CP headquarters in 1955. DONNER was in contact with CP members in 1956 and 1957 and was the attorney for CP members and/or front organizations as late as 1958. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/18/59, at NY). b6  
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Subject's firm represented IWO in 1953, MARY JANE KEENEY in 1954, STEVE NELSON in 1956 and MORTON SOBELL in 1957. Subject was at a meeting of Barenblatt - Golack Defense Fund in 1958. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/18/59, at NY).

Subject was in contact on numerous occasions with CP members and leaders in 1957 and subject's law firm described as the Party contact with the main Negro organizations and in 1959 attempted to establish tourist bureau for tours to Soviet Union. Subject apparently interested in other deals with Soviets. Subject was attorney for UERMWA in 1959. DONNER was uncooperative before the HCUA in March, 1959, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania invoking, by reference to previous testimony, his constitutional privilege in response to questions respecting past membership in the CP.

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Recommendations

Subject was reported to be a CP member, while employed by the NLRB, during 1940 and pleaded the 5th Amendment before the HCUA in 1956 and 1959 when questioned concerning his CP activity. Since 1940 DONNER has been actively defending CP front organizations and members. Subject's law firm was described as "Party contact with Negro Organizations in 1959". It is believed that his prior known membership in CP and subsequent pleadings of 5th Amendment, together with his extensive front activity, depict him as an individual who would commit acts inimical to the interests of the US in time of a National emergency and it is recommended that his name be placed in the Security Index.

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Detcom tabbing for subject's SI card is not recommended at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-25688)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11342)

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)Rerep of SA [ ] dated 6/3/60  
at NY.

Referenced report, Cover Page B, paragraph 1, reflected NYO would forward to New Haven a copy of NY report dated 3/11/60, captioned "Intercontinental Materials Company, Inc.; IS-R".

Inasmuch as the NYO has been made Office of Origin in this case and all pertinent information in the files of NYO has been reported, a copy of the above-mentioned report is not being forwarded to the New Haven Office.

The subject's name has been placed in the Security Index and there being no leads outstanding this case is being closed in the NYO.

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1 - New York (100-11342)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-14085)

DATE: 1/13/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-2771)

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SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

Re WFO airtel dated 12/27/60 entitled, "BORIS JAFFEE, IS - R - HU," setting out a contact of subject with [redacted]

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During a review of information furnished by [redacted], it was noted that on 11/30/60, a Mr. DONNER (PH) had contacted [redacted]. DONNER indicated he had met [redacted] in New York and [redacted] indicated that he recalled same. DONNER indicated that he was in Washington, D. C. on 11/30/60 and arranged to "drop off some material" to [redacted] about 2:00 p.m. that date. [redacted] agreed to see him.

SA CARLYLE E. THOMPSON (information 105-4649 Sub B) observed an unknown white male, 38 years of age, 5'10", 165 lbs., with dark wavy hair and medium complexion enter [redacted] at 1:55 p.m., 11/30/60. His departure was not observed.

The above is believed to pertain to captioned subject and is furnished to New York as DONNER is a security subject of that office.

- ② - Bureau
- 3 - New York (100-11342) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-32355 - [redacted])
- 2 - WFO
  - (1 - 105-27382 - [redacted])

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1765)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-97661)

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JOSEPH FORER  
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(CO:WFO)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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Re WFO letter to Director, FBI, dated 10/21/60,  
and New Haven letter to Director, FBI, dated 10/25/60,  
captioned as above.

In compliance with WFO request for New Haven to  
furnish up-to-date characterization of FRANK DONNER, the  
following information is submitted:

During 3/10-12/59, public hearings were held  
before the Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), US  
House of Representatives, Eighty-Sixth Congress, in  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Three pamphlets reflecting  
results of these hearing were issued, among them a  
pamphlet entitled "Problems of Security in Industrial  
Establishments Holding Defense Contracts (Greater Pittsburgh  
Area - Part 2), Dated: March 11, 1959." Page 394 of this  
pamphlet contained in a summary of information concerning  
individuals who appeared at these hearings, a short resume  
concerning FRANK J. DONNER, indicating DONNER, who had been  
identified by responsible witnesses under oath before the  
Committee as a member of the Communist Party (CP) and who  
on June 23, 1956, invoked constitutional privileges in  
response to questions respecting his membership and  
activities in the Party immediately prior to his appearance,  
testified in the instant hearings...Mr. DONNER denied  
present membership in the Communist Party, but invoked, by  
reference to previous testimony, his constitutional privileges  
in response to questions respecting past membership in the  
Communist Party.

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3-Bureau (101-1765) (RM)  
(1-100-25383) (FRANK DONNER)  
3-Washington Field (100-32761) (RM)  
(1-100-2771) (FRANK DONNER)  
2-New York (100-97661) (JOSEPH FORER)  
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The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In June, 1959, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information indicating DONNER's law firm is the CP contact with the main Negro organizations in the US, particularly with nationally known Negro personalities. ~~S~~

In March, 1960, NY 2361-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information concerning a discussion held at CP Headquarters in New York City in March, 1960, revealing a suggestion had been made that the Party sponsor a travel agency and during the discussion it was mentioned that Attorney FRANK DONNER "had it all set-up on the legal end..." ~~S~~

The 2/4/57 issue of the "Daily Worker" reveals the New York law firm of Frank Donner and others was representing MORTON SOBELL.

The "Daily Worker" is a former East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on 1/13/58.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on 3/29/51, in the US District Court, Southern District of NY, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1765)

10/21/60

SAC, WFO (100-32761)

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Frank Donney

Various times in June and July, 1960, WF 1062-S\* advised that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN had initiated a plan of having a birthday dinner in honor of the 50th birthday of JOSEPH FORER. According to this informant, ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, JOSEPH CHANDLER, MEYER AND SELMA SANCOS were among those on the committee in charge of this affair.

JOSEPH FORER is one of the attorneys who recently represented the CP, USA before the SACB, the U. S. Court of Appeals and the U. S. Supreme Court.

In September, 1959, NY 694-S\* advised that a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA had recently referred to JOSEPH FORER as "one of the most important Communists" in Washington, D. C.

On 2/9/59, WF 1062-S\* advised that the GOLDMANS were supporting the CP financially. In August, this informant advised that the GOLDMANS had recently loaned "The Worker" \$5000.

On 5/31/58, WF 1062-S\* advised that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN consider themselves communists but do not use the word "communist" even in discussion among themselves or their

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associates, preferring to use the words "left, progressive, we, or us" in place of "communist".

In May, 1958, WF 1062-S\* advised that JOSEPH CHANDLER was a member of a Communist Youth Organization in the Soviet Union in 1917 before he came to the United States.

[redacted] advised on 2/19/53 that JOSEPH CHANDLER attended the Lenin School in Moscow, Russia in 1933.

On 6/13/57, Chief Federal Judge ROSZEL O. THOMSEN, U. S. District Court in the State of Maryland, revoked CHANDLER's citizenship papers because he concealed his activities in the CP.

In January, 1958, WF 1016-S\* furnished information reflecting that CHANDLER had contacted a national leader of the CP for "assistance" and told individuals active in the CP in the Washington, D. C. area some "inside" information concerning national CP headquarters.

On 2/12/54, [redacted] (deceased) (former [redacted] (deemed advisable to continue to protect) advised that MEYER and SELMA SAMOELS were current CP members.

On 9/6/60, [redacted] furnished an invitation to dinner in honor of JOSEPH FORER on the occasion of his 50th birthday. This dinner was to be held on 9/24/60, at the Presidential Arms, 1320 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. ~~X~~

In September, 1960, WF 1063-S\* advised that according to ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, one of the speakers at this dinner would be FRANK BONNER, a lawyer in New York City.

On 9/27/60, [redacted] advised that, according to a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, the majority ~~X~~

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of those present at the above mentioned birthday dinner had been CP members, had supported the CP in the past, or had contributed money to the CP.

Any additional pertinent information received concerning the above mentioned birthday dinner will be furnished to the pertinent offices by separate communication.

The New Haven Office is requested to furnish WFO an up-to-date characterization of FRANK DONNEL suitable for inclusion in a report.

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Diemonte  
1 - Mr. Cook  
1 - Mr. W. P. Jones  
1 - Mr. Harrington  
1 - Mr. Kitchens  
1 - Mr. Bachner  
1 - Miss Triplett October 20, 1960

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL  
SECURITY LAWS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
JUDICIARY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE,  
EXECUTIVE SESSION, OCTOBER 10, 1960  
(Bufile 62-88217)

COMINFIL OF THE GREATER NEW YORK  
COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY  
(New York file 100-140528)  
(Bufile 100-432496)

Enclosed is a Photostat of a volume of testimony taken  
by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on October 10, 1960,  
regarding the above-captioned organization. Since this testimony  
was taken in Executive Session, it cannot be disseminated.

Review to determine whether the testimony contains any  
information pertinent to cases in the New York Office. If subse-  
quent reports are prepared, information taken from this testimony  
should be reported on the cover pages.

It is noted that the following individuals appeared  
before the Subcommittee:

[Redacted] New York file 100-118174,  
Bufile 100-408985.

Rose Holly, also known as Mrs. Harry Holly, who  
appears to be identical with New York file  
100-69977, Bufile 100-339910, captioned "Rose  
Nassau, Security Matter - C." See report of [Redacted]  
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1 - 100-408985 ([Redacted])  
1 - 100-339910 (Rose Nassau)  
1 - 100-354917 ([Redacted])  
1 - 100-406307 (Randolph Smith)  
1 - 100-424275 (Jeanette Susman)  
1 - 61-9743 (Frederick Heber)  
1 - 100-369510 (John Barr)  
1 - 100-409214 (Jerald Couiet)  
1 - 100-230148 (Ira Gollobin)  
1 - 100-341652 (Isidore Needleman)  
1 - 100-25688 (Frank Donner)  
1 - 100-339869 (Leonard Boudin)  
1 - 100-411238 (Mildred Rath)  
1 - 100- (Thomas Seligman)  
1 - 100- (Sarah M. Starr)  
1 - 100- (Saul Arons)

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COMINFIL OF THE GREATER NEW YORK  
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SA Richard J. Doyle dated June 2, 1947, at  
New York captioned "American Relief for Greek  
Democracy, Internal Security - C," New York  
file 100-81768, regarding the names used by  
this individual.

[REDACTED] New York file 100-96796,  
Bufile 100-354917.

Randolph Belmont Smith, New York file 100-99828,  
Bufile 100-406307.

Jeanette Sussman, New York file 100-129336,  
Bufile 100-424475.

Frederick Palmer Weber, New York file 100-9521,  
Bufile 61-9743.

John Whittier Darr, Jr., New York file  
100-90979, Bufile 100-369510.

Jerald Michael Covici, New York file 100-117529,  
Bufile 100-409214.

Your attention is also directed to the fact that the  
following have acted as counsels during this hearing:

Isidore Gibby Needleman, New York file  
100-78633, Bufile 100-341652.

Frank Joris Donner, New York file 100-11342,  
Bufile 100-25688.

Leonard B. Boudin, New York file 100-68223,  
Bufile 100-339869.

Ira Israel Gollobin, New York file 100-96158,  
Bufile 100-238148.

Letter to New York

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Mildred Roth, New York file 100-74047,  
Bufile 100-411238.

Bufiles fail to indicate that investigations have been  
conducted on the following individuals who took the Fifth  
Amendment on October 10, 1960:

Thomas Seligman  
Mrs. Sarah M. Starr  
Saul Arons

Check New York indices and canvass informants to  
determine whether the above individuals and those who are not  
in the Security Index would warrant investigations under  
instructions as set forth in the Manual of Instructions, Section  
87 D, pages 22-24. Advise the Bureau of action taken regarding  
individuals who are not in the Security Index.

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished for  
your files on the above-mentioned individuals.

NOTE ON FILE:

[redacted] Sussman, Darr, Covici, Gollobin,  
Needleman, Donner and [redacted] are in the Security Index. Smith  
was deleted from the Security Index 8-12-60. Roth was deleted  
from the Security Index 8-12-60. Needleman and Weber are  
subjects of pending IS-R investigations. Holly was the subject  
of an SM-C investigation which was closed in 1945. All witnesses  
took the Fifth Amendment with the exception of Darr, who refused  
to answer and refused to take the Fifth Amendment.

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SAC, New York

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1 - Miss Triplett

October 19, 1960

Director, FBI

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO  
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INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
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(Bufile 62-38217)

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
(New York File 97-1792)  
(Bufile 97-4196)

JOANNE ALILEEN GRANT  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(New York File 100-133451)  
(Bufile 100-425102)

Enclosed is a photostat of a volume of testimony  
taken during the interrogation of Joanne Alileen Grant by  
the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on October 10, 1960,  
captioned "The Communist Threat to the United States Through  
the Caribbean (Fair Play For Cuba Committee)."

It is noted that Miss Grant's attorney was Frank J.  
Donner, New York File 100-11342, Bufile 100-25633.

Review this testimony to determine whether it  
contains any information pertinent to investigations being  
conducted by the New York Office. Since the testimony was  
taken in Executive Session, it cannot be disseminated and  
information taken from the testimony should be reported  
on the cover pages of reports. However, it is noted that  
the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has utilized some  
public source material during the interrogation of Miss Grant.  
If the original public source material is reviewed, the  
information obtained therefrom may be included in the details  
of reports provided it is attributed to the public source.

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1 - 100-25633 (Frank J. Donner)

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

JOANNE ALILEEN GRANT

Bufiles: 62-88217; 97-4196; 100-425102

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Grant is in the Security Index. She took the  
Fifth Amendment before the Senate Internal Security  
Subcommittee on 10-10-60. New York is the office of origin  
in a pending investigation of the Fair Play For Cuba  
Committee.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>5/29/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/24 - 5/22/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FRANK JORIS DONNER</b>		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: <b>lab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA [Redacted] dated  
6/3/60, at New York.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to the  
New Haven Division for informational purposes inasmuch as  
subject resides in the territory of that Division.

The pretext on 5/19/61, was conducted by  
SA [Redacted] to subject's office under the  
guise of determining if subject would handle a domestic  
relations case.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd.)

As a matter of information, subject acted as one of the counsels on behalf of the Greater New York Committee for the Sane Nuclear Policy during hearings before the Senate Internal Sub-Committee on 10/10/60.

For the information of the Bureau the report of SA WILLIAM C. PIPER, dated 4/17/61, at New York, entitled "BORIS A. JAFFE; IS-HU" (NY file 105-17547; Bufile 65-60480) sets forth the results of an interview with JAFFE by Bureau Agents on 4/7/61. During this interview, JAFFE, Vice-President of the Dee Travel Agency, New York City, disclosed in detail the interest of his company in extending their business to include travel to Eastern Europe. JAFFE stated the subject became interested in this matter and acted in a legal capacity for the proposed venture. According to JAFFE the proposal was dropped and not pursued further. Since the results of this interview have been reported and have no subversive information relating to DONNER, the interview with JAFFE is not being set forth herein.

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NY T-6 [REDACTED]	100-11342-369 ✓
NY T-7 [REDACTED]	100-11342-294 ✓
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Identity of Source

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NY T-15

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Informants used to characterize the CCPAF ✓  
set forth in Appendix Section were:

1. [REDACTED]
2. ROBERT RONSTADT,  
Los Angeles, California.

Other informants contacted relative to the  
subject during May, 1961, with negative results are  
as follows:

Informant

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	5/4/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	5/9/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are SECRET
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) it contains information from current, valuable sources of the FBI (NYT-2 and NY T-5, for example). It is felt the unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to these sources could compromise them and thus be injurious to the national defense.
8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) Not interviewed  
☒ Subject was not interviewed because (state reason) of his position as an attorney, his position as General Counsel for the UERMWA and his hostility displayed before the HCUA in 1956 and 1959.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of subject's long history of legal activities on behalf of CP and CP front organizations which are believed to depict him as an individual who would be inimical to the interests of the US in the event of an emergency.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

5/29/61

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

100-11342

Bureau File No.:

100-25688

Title:

FRANK JORIS DONNER

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:  
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE  
DATE 08-06-2009

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and is an attorney with offices at 342 Madison Ave., NYC. Informants reported: subject in contact with Hungarian Legation, December, 1960; one FRANK, General Counsel of UE spoke at birthday banquet for JOSEPH FORER, 9/24/60; subject spoke at ECLE meeting 2/24/61; "UE News" issued 3/13/61 identified subject as General Counsel for UE. Disbursements to subject and subject's law firm from UE and from UE-Defense Funds, 1960 - 61, set forth. (U)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

On May 4, 1961, NY T-1 advised subject resides 30 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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SLIP(S) OF CLASSIFICATION

DATE 9-26-77 BY REC

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Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
Date of Declassification Indefinite  
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B. Employment

On May 19, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was determined subject is an attorney with offices at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Associates

On June 27, 1960, NY T-2 advised that on June 25, 1960, HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL commented that her legal interests were represented by "Frank Donner's law firm".

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, and on April 5, 1951, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

In December, 1960, NY T-3 furnished information that on December 23, 1960, the subject was in contact with [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], Washington, DC, regarding a passport matter. (U)

On September 29, 1960, NY T-4 advised that on September 24, 1960, a birthday banquet in honor of JOSEPH FORER was held at the Presidential Arms Hotel, Washington, DC. NY T-4 stated one of the speakers at this affair was one FRANK, the General Counsel of the United Electrical Workers.

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In September, 1959, NY T-5 advised that a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America (CP, USA) had recently referred to JOSEPH FORER as "one of the most important Communists" in Washington, DC. ~~S~~ (U)

The United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA) and (UE) is characterized in Appendix hereto.

On October 12, 1960, NY T-6 advised that on September 24, 1960, a birthday dinner in honor of JOSEPH FORER was held at the Presidential Arms Hotel, Washington, DC. NY T-6 continued the main speaker of the evening was FRANK DONNA from New York.

#### B. Miscellaneous Activities

##### Citizen's Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF)

The CCPAF is characterized in Appendix hereto.

On June 6, 1960, NY T-7 furnished information that in May, 1960, FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary, of the CCPAF, Los Angeles, California, directed that tape recordings of the San Francisco "hearings" (not further identified), be sent to the subject at 11 East 51st Street, New York City, via air mail. According to NY T-7, the recordings were sent to the subject on May 27, 1960.

It is noted that the address 11 East 51st Street, New York City, is the headquarters of the UERMWA.

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Emergency Civil Liberties Committee  
(ECLC)

The ECLC is characterized in Appendix hereto.

On February 27, 1961, NY T-8 advised that on February 24, 1961, a meeting sponsored by the ECLC was held at Judson Hall, 165 West 57th Street, New York City, at which one of the speakers was the subject. The subject was introduced to the meeting as Labor Counsel for the UE and the author of a new book on the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Subject delivered a speech on a topic "The Power of the Committee" which concerned the great influence of the HCUA, the great amount of money it has cost the American tax payer and its function as a "captive FBI for Congress".

In March, 1961, NY T-9, NY T-10, NY T-11 and NY T-12 advised that on February 24, 1961, a meeting to promote the abolition of the HCUA was sponsored by the ECLC and held at 165 West 57th Street, New York City. According to these informants, the subject delivered the speech before this meeting which criticized the entire history of the HCUA.

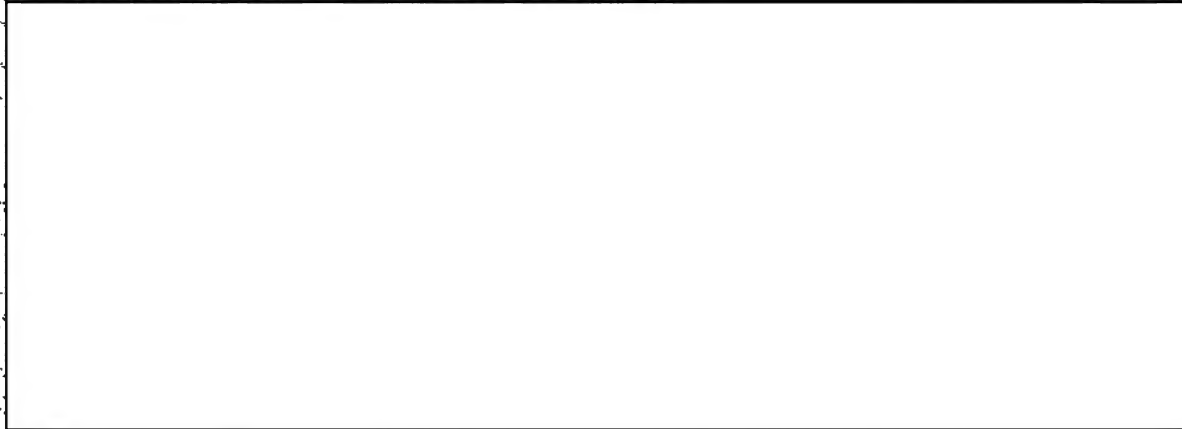
United Electrical Radio and Machine  
Workers of America (UERMWA) and (UE)

As previously mentioned the UERMWA is characterized in Appendix hereto.

The "UE News" issue of March 13, 1961, Page 5, Column 1, identified subject as General Counsel of the UE.

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In July, August and September, 1960, NY T-13  
furnished information reflecting [redacted]



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The above source no longer has custody of the  
basic documents from which the information was obtained.

The above information is not to be made public  
except in the usual procedure following the issuance  
of a subpoena.

In 1960, NY T-14 and NY T-15 furnished information  
that [redacted]



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the basic documents from which the information was obtained.



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The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during May, 1961, and could furnish no new or additional information concerning him.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE  
AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on May 7, 1959, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the informant as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms is not a membership organization. It is an Executive Board with a large mailing list which builds up support behind particular issues rather than behind an organizational program.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist party member as of September, 1952.

APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE  
WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE)

The "UE Shop Steward Guide," UE Publication No. 212, Sixth Edition, 1952, reflects on pages 32-34, "UE - the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America was established in 1936 at a convention in Buffalo, New York. At that time the organization was called the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America. Shortly after a large group of AFL machinists' locals joined the UE and the full name became the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).

"The UE is known as an 'International Union' because companies of both the United States and Canada are under contract."

"100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Labor," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 1951, reflects on pages 80 and 81, "In 1944, the Committee on Un-American Activities found the following unions to have 'Communist leadership . . . strongly entrenched:'

"United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (CIO).

"The following unions have been expelled from the CIO because of their Communist domination:

"United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America."

The "Internal Security Annual Report for 1957, Report of the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws, of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate" on page 61 refers to UE as "one of the strongest Communist controlled unions in America."

The International Headquarters of UE are located at 11 East 51st Street, New York, N.Y., according to the May 9, 1960, edition of "UE News," official organ of UE.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

May 29, 1961

*In Reply, Please Refer to*

File No. Bureau 100-25688

New York 100-11342

Title        Frank Joris Donner

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Reference    is made to the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated  
and captioned as above, at New York.b6  
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-1, New York T-13, New York T-14 and New York T-15, who were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Mr. A. H. Belmont

March 1, 1961

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

New York airtel 2/27/61 advised of a meeting sponsored by captioned organization in New York City on 2/24/61. This affair was entitled "Cloud Over the New Frontier - Debris of McCarthyism" and approximately 150 people were in attendance.

Norman Redlich was a principal speaker and he was introduced as a Professor of Law at the New York University Law School, New York City. Redlich remarked there had been considerable optimism with the coming of the new President but there is a blind spot in the "new frontier" and "McCarthyism" is allowed to continue. Redlich was critical of background investigations conducted by the Bureau of Presidential appointees and remarked that even Robert Kennedy had to get a clearance from "a subservient J. Edgar Hoover." Redlich also stated that the "new frontier" has youth, et cetera, but it has not attempted to bring back those intellectuals who had been driven out of government by "McCarthyism."

The other speaker of the evening was Frank Donner who spoke on the topic "The Power of the Committee." Donner stated that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) was disliked in varying degrees by those present with the exception of "HCUA investigators and FBI Agents present." Donner stated that the HCUA has caused the loss of hundreds of jobs, split families and about 15 suicides. He remarked the committee is nothing but a printer of a "Black List Handbook" and collects dossiers of names and organizations which it makes available to help break strikes and uses to defeat opposition. Donner concluded his speech by stating that there is a group of people he calls "Yo Yo's" who believe "that J. Edgar Hoover is infallible, that informers should be placed on pedestals and want to perpetuate this committee." He stated "We must fight Yo-Yoism."

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. J.P. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
- ① - 100-25688 (Frank Donner)

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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
Re: Emergency Civil Liberties Committee  
100-384660

A check of Bufiles discloses that we have never conducted an investigation of Redlich; however, Bufiles do disclose that he was the coauthor of a treatise entitled "Does Silence Mean Guilt? -- Controversy of the Fifth Amendment" which appeared in the 6/6/53 issue of "The Nation." Bufiles further disclose that in the past he has served on several panels of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee expressing the views contained in the afore-mentioned treatise wherein he defends the rights of individuals who invoke the Fifth Amendment. Bufiles do not indicate that the activities of Redlich warrant investigation by the Bureau at this time.

Bufile 100-25688 discloses that Donner has been the subject of a Bureau investigation and that his name is presently included on the Security Index. He appeared before the HCUA in 3/59 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; was an uncooperative witness; and invoked his constitutional privilege in response to questions regarding his past membership in the Communist Party (CP). Investigation disclosed that Donner allegedly was a member of a secret CP apparatus for Government employees during the period 1939 to 1942 and conducted meetings of this apparatus in his home during that period.

Captioned organization is under active investigation by this Bureau as a communist front organization and copies of the investigative reports concerning it are furnished the Department on a continuing basis for consideration pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and the Internal Security Act of 1950.

ACTION:

Previous investigation has made it clear that this communist front is anti-HCUA and anti-FBI. This has been disseminated. No purpose would be served by disseminating the results of this meeting wherein the speakers attack the FBI. You will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

I have received your letter of June 27, 1961,  
with enclosure, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

It was indeed kind of you to send me a copy  
of "The Un-Americans," and I am glad to know of your  
attitude toward those who unjustly criticize the work of this  
Bureau. I certainly hope that we in the FBI can continue  
to merit your support and confidence.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. Smith - Room 7627

NOTE: Based on available information, [Redacted] was not identifiable  
in Bufiles. "The Un-Americans" will be reviewed by the Central Research  
Section. This book contains numerous references to the FBI, many of them  
unfavorable. For example, on page 274 the author states that on one occasion  
the FBI turned to the House Committee "for vindication and publicity." On the

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same page, the following is noted: "Often the Committee was called by the FBI  
to punish suspects whom the grand juries refused to indict."

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Indianapolis

Indiana

June 27, 1961

Mr. [ ]  
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Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. [ ]  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith a book entitled The Un-Americans written by Frank J. Donner, which I purchased at a drug store today. I have not read the entire book, however, I do not believe this is quite necessary. After reading the first few pages of the book I got the feeling they were trying to discredit your agency, along with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to say the least.

Frank J. Donner N.Y.

I am passing this information and book along to you for what it may be worth. You will probably get many copies.

P.S. I might also add that the store manager agreed to withdraw the book from his rack. He will be viewing the film "Operation Abolition", and reading your report Communist Target--Youth at his first opportunity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 17, 1961

FROM : R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: FRANK JORIS DONNER  
AUTHOR OF  
"THE UN-AMERICANS"  
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SYNOPSIS:** Director inquired "What do we know of F. J. Donner? H." on "New York Herald Tribune" clipping 7/14/61. Donner born 1911, Brooklyn, New York; graduated from Columbia University Law School 1937; Donner with National Labor Relations Board 1940-1945; Assistant General Counsel, Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) 1945-1949; currently attorney, New York City, and General Counsel of United Electrical, Radio, Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), a union expelled in 1949 from CIO for Communist influences. Donner on Security Index. Three admitted former Communist Party members say Donner member of communist cell while at National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Donner involved in defense of Smith Act subjects in New Haven and Philadelphia; associated from early 1940s with several communist front organizations and communists. Donner was hostile witness before House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) 1956 and 1959, and wrote article in 4/10/54 issue of "The Nation" calling FBI "political police." His new book, "The Un-Americans" which calls for the abolition of the HCUA, condemns the HCUA for its existence, tactics, and supporters, and singles out for criticism the 1960 San Francisco hearings, and the film "Operation Abolition" as well as the Director's report "Communist Target--Youth." Donner claims that FBI gives HCUA "enthusiastic endorsement", turns over to HCUA suspects whom Grand Juries refuse to indict, and threatens to turn over uncooperative individuals to the Committee for questioning. HCUA, according to Donner, has identified itself with the Bureau to gain prestige and to ward off attacks. He claims "widespread feelings" that the Committee faces reckoning for its past treatment of "innocent people."

## RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memo R. W. Smith to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: FRANK JORIS DONNER AUTHOR OF  
"THE UN-AMERICANS" CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

This memorandum sets forth information to answer the Director's inquiry "What do we know of F. J. Donner?" noted on attached clipping from the "New York Herald Tribune" of July 14, 1961, page 13. Also set forth is a summary of references to the FBI made in Donner's "The Un-Americans."

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: FRANK JORIS DONNER - Summary

Donner, born February 25, 1911 in Brooklyn, New York, received a law degree in 1937 from Columbia University, New York City. He was employed as an attorney by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Washington, D. C. from 1940 to 1945, and was an Assistant General Counsel for the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) in 1945 to 1949. Since that time he has been engaged in private practice in New York City and is currently General Counsel for the United Electrical, Radio, Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), a union which was expelled from the CIO in 1949 as communist influenced. Donner's wife is Madeline Jaffe Donner, a sister of Philip Jaffe, one of the subjects of the Amerasia case in 1945.

SUBVERSIVE CONNECTIONS: NY

Donner is currently on the Security Index. Three admitted former Communist Party members who knew the subject during his employment with the NLRB have advised Donner was a member of the communist cell at NLRB. Donner was a signer of a Communist Party nominating petition for Earl Browder, former Communist Party functionary who was running for President in the 1940 election. Donner has also served as an attorney for the defense of the Communist Party members tried under the Smith Act in New Haven, Connecticut, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has also been associated with several communist front groups since the 1940s. He has since the late 1940s, associated with members of the Communist Party, at a national and a local level, including Isidore Gibby Neddleman, espionage subject. Donner has appeared in 1956 and again in 1959 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), and, on both occasions, was an unfriendly witness, invoking his Constitutional privileges <sup>ed</sup> when questioned concerning his activities and associates. On February 24, 1961, Donner was a speaker at an Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) meeting, in which he criticized a group of people who he called "Yo Yos" who believe that "J. Edgar Hoover is infallible, that informers should

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be placed on pedestals and want to perpetuate this committee (HCUA)." The ECLC is currently under investigation by the Bureau as a communist front organization and copies of the investigative reports concerning it are furnished to the Department for consideration pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and the Internal Security Act of 1950. (100-25688)

ANTI-FBI STATEMENTS:

Donner wrote an article for "The Nation" issue of April 10, 1954, called "The Informer" in which he called the FBI a "political police" and charged that material from the FBI gets to Congressional committees. He condemned the role of "informers" of the FBI in security-type investigations.

In 1955 Donner was reportedly preparing a book concerned with the FBI and the use of informants. There is no indication in Bureau files that this book was ever published.

NEW BOOK - "THE UN-AMERICANS:"

This book, published by Ballantine Books, New York, copyright 1961, price 60¢, printed as a paperback, is currently on sale. This book was reviewed favorably in the "New York Herald Tribune" of July 14, 1961, by Gore Vidal. Vidal was author of a 1960 Broadway play, "The Best Man," which contained a brief sarcastic reference to the Director. Vidal was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress in New York's 29th District in 1960. A copy of this review was printed in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" of July 16, 1961.

The theme of "The Un-Americans" is that the HCUA's existence, tactics, and supporters, since its inception in 1938 to date, have resulted in ruining the lives of numerous innocent people. The book calls for the abolition of the HCUA. Donner also attacks, in this book, the legality of the HCUA's investigations, which he claims go beyond investigation for authentic legislation purposes. He speaks in derogatory terms of former FBI confidential informants who, after being exposed in public testimony, have appeared as friendly witnesses before the Committee to furnish information concerning the communist activities of themselves and their former associates.

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Donner singles out for attack the HCUA hearings of May, 1960, in San Francisco, and claims that the HCUA, both in press and in the film, "Operation Abolition" has distorted the facts about the communist instigation of the demonstrations and violence.

In addition, Donner charges that the Director's report "Communist Target--Youth" was a "transparent device to shield the film (Operation Abolition)" from defamation suits by providing its sound track with a 'cover' of official utterings." He said that the "prestige and authority" of the Director have been used to lend "respectability" to the film's "extremist views, sinister inferences and distorted facts." Donner states that the film "Operation Abolition" and the Director's report have been discredited as a result of the trial and resulting acquittal of Robert J. Meisenbach.

Regarding claims that the clergy has been infiltrated by communists, Donner referred to an alleged letter from the Director to Senator Harry E. Byrd, date not given, in which he reported that the Director had said he knew of no minister who had been proved to be a communist agent. Senator Byrd allegedly remarked that this was "convincing evidence" that the charges against the clergy were "baseless."

In the chapter entitled "Big Brother is Watching You," Donner discusses his version of the relationship of the HCUA and the FBI. He charges that the Bureau and the HCUA have common interests, that the House Committee has obtained "enthusiastic endorsement" from the FBI, that the FBI has always had liaison representatives in the Committee's offices and access to its files, and that several former FBI Special Agents are on the HCUA investigating staff. Donner claims that the FBI turns over to the HCUA suspects whom Grand Juries have refused to indict or whom the FBI has found uncooperative. He also charges that the FBI threatens to turn uncooperative individuals over to the committee for questioning. He claims that the FBI uses HCUA to release material it wants publicized. In turn, Donner claims, the HCUA relies on the FBI in its work. He also charges that there is "too much evidence" that contradicts the claims by the Bureau and HCUA that the HCUA has no access to Bureau files.

Donner states that the HCUA has been identifying itself with the Bureau for many years in order to gain prestige and to help defend itself from attacks for its so-called "un-Americanism."

Memo R. W. Smith to Mr. Sullivan

Re: FRANK JORIS DONNER AUTHOR OF

"THE UN-AMERICANS" CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

Donner alleges that there is "widespread feeling" that the Committee is facing a time of reckoning for the harm it has inflicted on numerous innocent individuals. He quotes former President Truman as saying in 1959 that the "Committee on Un-American Activities is the most un-American thing in America." Donner also quotes President Kennedy in the 1960 Presidential campaign as condemning the use of legislative investigations by "the Nation and the State" to effect the "disgrace of private persons." Donner alleges that President Kennedy undoubtedly had the HCUA in mind.

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## Crosby Column—By His Guests

# The Whole Sordid History

While John Crosby is on vacation, his column will be written by guests. Today's contributor is Gore Vidal, author, critic and playwright ("The Best Man").

By Gore Vidal

When I was running for Congress last year (now there's a phrase to empty a room!) I was asked the same planted question at nearly every meeting: Are you in favor of the House Un-American Activities Committee? My answer was usually more cautious than candid. For purposes of legislation, Congress has a constitutional right to investigate anything it wants to, and I am all for Congress' traditional privilege, but then I would suggest tactfully to my audience that HUAC had produced less legislation at a greater cost than any committee in Congressional history, and as for its chairmen . . . well, who could admire Martin Dies? Or that super-patriot J. Parnell Thomas, who went from Congress to the clink? Or the present chairman, Francis Walter, whose only legislative distinction is the notorious Walter-McCarran Immigration Act, a sly bit of work Cardinal Cushing felt could not "be defended without recourse to the discredited and un-Christian tenet of racism." I left the subject there, realizing that the lunatic Right has worked out a fine (and to many people perfectly reasonable) syllogism. HUAC is against un-American activities. Mr. Blank is against HUAC. Therefore, Mr. Blank favors un-American activities.

Fortunately, a brilliant case against HUAC has now been made by Frank J. Donner, a constitutional lawyer, in a book called "The Un-Americans," to be published by Ballantine as a paperback this month. Using transcripts and documents, Donner records the whole sordid history of HUAC from its beginning in 1922. Originally, HUAC was a short-term investigating committee which evolved gradu-

ally into a standing committee though, contrary to precedent, its function is not legislative, but simply "exposing" Communists. John Rankin, of Mississippi, was godfather to HUAC in the House at the time of its metamorphosis in 1945. When Walter Winchell, among others, attacked the committee, Rankin dismissed the columnist with characteristic charm as that "Communist little kike."

Neither in the past nor in the present has HUAC ever found "un-American" any fascist or racist organization. In fact, in 1942, the Ku Klux Klan's Imperial Wizard James Colecott said, "The committee's program so closely parallels the program of the Klan that there is no distinguishable difference between them." As for the John Birch Society, Gordon Scherer, HUAC's ranking Republican member, is a sponsor. Not only is the committee instinctive in its dislike of the foreign-born and colored minorities, it is even on record as opposing "racial and social equality."

The final irony, of course, is that as the Communist menace outside the United States increases, inside it decreases (today there are some 20,000 American Communists, a fraction of what there was in the 40s). Yet the hate groups grow more hysterical every day in their search for Communists. Actually, their real targets are liberals, minority groups, intellectuals, "do-gooders" (they themselves are proud "do-badders"). Their method is now so odd that if some one they dislike actively fights Communists (e. g., Dean Acheson), they will say: but that's his plot; he only seems to fight Communists. He's really a spy. This way paranoia . . . and Candy Man Bob Welch, the Big Bircher . . . lie. Hopefully, we now have Mr. Donner's book and I'm certain anyone who reads it will agree with Harry Truman that "the most un-American thing in America is the House Un-American Activities Committee."

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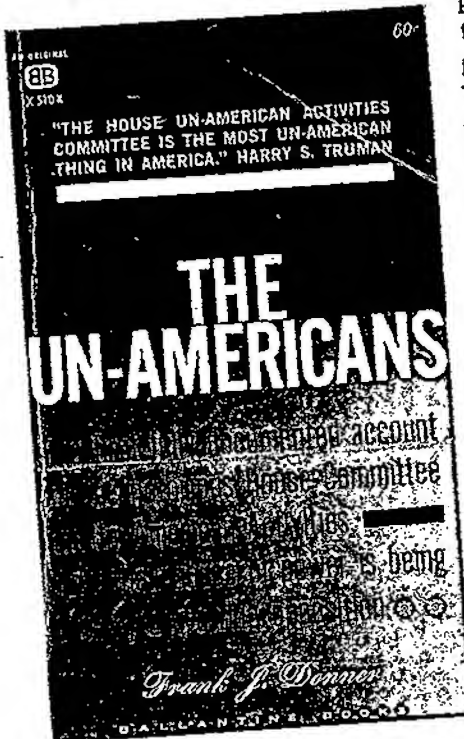
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## IDEAS BY INFECTION

Early in July, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a cited Communist front organization, began mailing out copies of a remarkable book entitled The Un-Americans, by Frank J. Donner. The Un-Americans, a "pocket book" which retails for 60¢, purports to be "the full and careful documentation of the House Un-American Activities Committee." The book, obviously designed for the mass market, had a big first printing of 153,000. It is prominently featured at bookstores, drugstores and newsstands all over the country.

The book and the circumstances surrounding its publication are remarkable on several counts. First, it is remarkable that Ballantine Books, a commercial publishing house, would cooperate in the production of this unscholarly, unabashed and loaded piece of propaganda. There is no mistaking the book's purpose. The back cover clearly states that "Today, in spite of public protest, the Committee is very powerful. It will not be defeated easily. But it can be abolished - and this book is a powerful weapon." Second, the book is remarkable for its mendacity. Frank Donner charges that the Committee has "developed a special logic of its own based on crudely strained inferences, falsified proofs, and emotionally defined terms." Donner goes on to say that one of the most damning things about the Committee is its use of the technique of "guilt by parallelism, mutual object and association." Donner then proceeds to use all of these devices to construct his false and misleading case against the House Committee. The third remarkable feature of the book is one of omission. There is no biographical or background material on the author. He is described on the fly leaf of the book - with merciful brevity - as a "constitutional lawyer". The omission is quite understandable, however, since frankness on Donner's background would taint the book and render it less efficient as a trap for the uncritical and unwary.



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### A Fun-House Mirror

The central theme of the book, which serves as underpinning for the whole structure, is that the Communist program of subversion within the United States is a myth rather than a menace. The real menace, we are told, is the House Committee on Un-American Activities. From this inverted foundation, Donner uses every twisted trick of logic and wording that he has accused the House Committee of using to build his case. Even Donner's statement that his book is "the full and careful documentation of the House Un-American Activities Committee" contains a concealed slur. The Party and other hostile groups invariably refer to the House Committee on Un-American Activities as the House Un-American Activities Committee. This bit of semantics is designed to convey the idea that the House Committee's main order of business is engaging in un-American activities. Reading Donner's book is an experience akin to looking through the wrong end of a telescope or viewing familiar objects reflected in a fun-house mirror. The reflected images of the members and staff of the Committee, and witnesses who testify against the Party, are seen to be short, squat and brutal, with a sly expression around the eyes that denotes incipient fascism. Witnesses who take the Fifth Amendment are seen to walk straight and tall. Their radiant faces more than hint at a nobility of soul.

### It Goes With The Set

The Un-Americans is given its rather lurid tone by Donner's continued use of the old device known as "giving a dog a bad name". Those who give sworn testimony against the Communist conspiracy are derided as "professional witnesses", "paid undercover agents" and even as "police spies". The testimony of these individuals tends to "smear". The Committee (and the FBI) indulges in "intimidations". It creates a "lynch atmosphere" in which "shrill voiced patriots" and "vigilantes" can operate. The former Communist is a "defector" or "renegade". Anti-Communists are "bigots" and "pathological". Anti-Communist activity is shown to have a "psychotic" basis. The activities of the Committee constitute a "witch-hunt" and a "perversion" of power. The Committee operates a "hate mill" and is "anti-democratic" and "fascist".

Another favorite Donner device is that of guilt by association, parallelism, or mutual object, with the very fact of association or mutual object based on Donner's own unsupported assertions. All hate groups, according to Donner, whether they are anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-labor, anti-Semitic, anti-foreign born have a "common dedication which unites them in a special way; they are fanatical crusaders for HUAC." Indeed, according to Donner, the House Committee is a "hate group" itself and the "personalities of many of HUAC's leaders and staff members are figures in a gallery of hate." The reader who trades at Donner's storehouse of ideas finds it very difficult to buy a small neat package marked "anti-Communism." He finds that the proprietor insists on selling him a bulky, poorly tied together, smelly, blood stained package marked "anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-labor, anti-Semitic, anti-everything," with the insistence "But it goes with the set."

### The Unparticularized Slur

Donner expresses the utmost scorn for those who see the world in black and white, the sweeping generalizers. Yet, his book is compounded of generalizations. He

is particularly fond of generalizing as to motive. According to Donner, "the Committee hearing is an engine which is powered by a fuel blended of betrayal and revenge." "Friendly" witnesses testifying for the Committee cannot possibly be motivated by idealism. In Donner's own black and white world, these individual's motives are revengeful, financial or pathological. At the best, these people are weak, mean, lying tools.

Another device used by Donner in The Un-Americans is the deliberately misleading statement. For instance, Donner cites the cases of a "former FBI agent" and an "ex-FBI agent" who testified before the Committee. He claims that one had been tried 22 times for public drunkenness, twice for disorderly conduct, and twice for assault and battery. The other had "a record of insanity" and was also a convicted forger. Donner intends to convey the impression that these two individuals were former Special Agents of the FBI and thus discredit that organization. Actually, these individuals' only connection with the FBI was that they may at one time have gone to the FBI with information which it was free to accept or reject. But the impression is left that this is the type of individual the Bureau hires as an employee.

On page 180 of The Un-Americans, Donner prints the charge that "the Committee knew that at least 11 persons had committed suicide or died of heart attacks while under Congressional investigation. The Committee members thus had knowledge that an exposure hearing could produce fatal consequences and thus could not escape responsibility for the tragedy." A few pertinent questions such as ---Who were these people? --How many suicides? --How many heart attacks? --Was there a causal connection? --- are left unanswered by Donner's "full and carefully documented" book. Could this be an instance of another noxious device that Donner accuses the Committee of using and which he calls "the unparticularized slur"?

#### He Had Help

Donner's lack of objectivity on the subject of the House Committee on Un-American Activities is not surprising. He, himself, was identified by a number of Committee witnesses as a member of the Communist Party. He was given an opportunity to refute this testimony on June 28, 1956, when he appeared as a witness for the House Committee. He invoked the Fifth Amendment when he was questioned concerning Communist Party membership and affiliations. He was confronted with a United States Civil Service Commission questionnaire he had signed on June 2, 1943 while employed by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington. On this official form, he had replied "No" to a question as to whether or not he held membership in a Communist organization. Donner conceded that this signature was his and invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked by the Committee if he had been "truthful" in his statement to the United States government. Donner was recalled as a witness before the House Committee on March 11, 1959. He denied being a present member of the Communist Party but took the Fifth Amendment as to whether he had ever belonged to the Party. He has been active in the affairs of such Communist front organizations as the National Lawyers Guild, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born and the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

At the end of the book under "sources and acknowledgments", Donner acknowledges the assistance that he has received from various sources. Many of his sources

are of extremely dubious validity. A particularly noteworthy source is Bertram Edises, who has been identified in sworn testimony as a member of the Political Affairs Committee of the Communist Party. To quote Donner, "I am under heavy obligation to Bertram Edises who not only read and commented on two chapters of this text, but made available valuable material from his files."

To quote Congressman Francis E. Walter, Donner's book "perfectly embraces and epitomizes the Communist line and technique." If this book had been printed by an official Communist Party publisher, it would have landed with the impact of a foam rubber jelly bean. By using the medium of a commercial/publisher of pocket books, the book gains an acceptance and reaches an audience which otherwise would not have been available. This attractively-packaged, loaded volume waits in our drugstores and newsstands for those who reach out for a bit of harmless entertainment. It will impress the young, the naïve and the uninformed. It will prove fatal to the individuals who believe that whatever is printed must be true, to the people who form their opinions through a process of exposure, acceptance, and infection rather than critical analysis.

Sincerely,

*Jack E. Ison*  
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Mr. [redacted]  
Department of Speech  
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Elmhurst College  
Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter of July 18, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, I must advise that information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use. You should not infer, however, either that we do or do not have data regarding the individual you mentioned.

You may wish to consider the advisability of contacting the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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July 18, 1961

*Dr {3,*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I read a book entitled The Un-Americans by Frank J. Donner, published by Ballantine Books in 1961. This book presents a good deal of data designed to discredit the House Un-American Activities Committee. Since I am interested in evaluating this information I am also interested in the background and activities of the author. Therefore I am writing you to see if you have any report on this man. Any information you can send me would be helpful.

Yours truly,



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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of July 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

The FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, I am not in a position to comment regarding the matters you mentioned.

I feel that the record of achievements of the FBI over the years speaks for itself. Pursuant to the authority granted us, it has always been our policy to vigorously discharge our responsibilities in all phases of our investigations, and you may be assured that this will continue to be our policy in the future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent. The book, "The Un-Americans," has been reviewed in the Central Research Section. It is highly critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, "the FBI's Communist Target Youth," and the use of informants. Frank Joris Donner is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. As an attorney, he has represented Communist Party members and has associated with numerous

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Party front groups. He wrote an article for "The Nation" magazine on 4-10-54 in which he called the FBI a "political police." "The Reporter," in the past, has published several articles critical of the Bureau. Its 7-6-61 issue contained an article, "The Private Government of Crime," in which it was asserted that the Director had sought to avoid any assignment which would involve the FBI directly with problems that appear to be insoluble, particularly in the field of organized crime and racketeering.

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 Miss Gandy ✓

St. Louis 17, Mo.  
 19 July 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please tell me if any of the statements about the FBI which Frank J. Donner makes in his book, The Un-Americans are true?

Also I would appreciate it if you could point out some of the more obvious distortions about the FBI which I assume the book must contain.

In a recent issue of The Reporter magazine there is an article titled The Private Government of Crime that states that the FBI has been quite lax in its investigation of organized crime. I hope you can assure me of the falsity of this claim, also.

Yours truly,

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August 4, 1961

[Redacted]  
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of July 30, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use. You may wish to write directly to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., for possible assistance. I cannot answer your specific inquiry regarding the House Committee due to the confidential nature of our files; however, on numerous occasions it is necessary for the FBI to disseminate information to other governmental agencies.

With regard to your other question, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that correspondent wrote to the Director in May, 1961, regarding, "Masters of Deceit." His letter was cordially acknowledged. Frank Joris Donner is a Security Index Subject of the New York Office. (100-25688) Inquiries regarding him have been referred to the House Committee. Bufiles contain no pertinent references regarding Balantine Books, Inc.

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[Redacted]  
Berkeley Heights, N. J.  
July 30, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm quite concerned about a new paperback on the market called "The Un-Americans". You're probably familiar with it and know that it was written by Frank J. Donner. It is printed by ~~X~~Ballantine Books, Inc. 101 Fifth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

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I feel it would be sad if the Communists efforts to abolish the HCUA succeeded. Perhaps in the past the HCUA has done some questionable things, but today I think it is doing a good job. I want to support it in writing to the local paper.

It goes without saying that the FBI is doing a wonderful job. Supposedly informed people say--leave Communist hunting to the FBI which is better equipped for the job than the HCUA. I know the FBI cooperates with the HCUA. Has the HCUA been of help to the FBI?

Please know that millions of us have great faith in you and the FBI. Please don't let Mr. Sam Rayburn bother you.

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/s/ [Redacted]

P. S. Can you give me any information as to the political leanings of Ballantine Books, Inc.?

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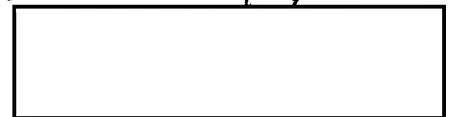
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Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of August 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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Could you tell me if this book is Communist, if the author is Communist, and if the publisher is inclined

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Hollywood, Fla.  
Aug. 10, 1961

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I know you have no control over the matter but I just want to tell someone how I feel. I'm infuriated over the fact that someone like Gus Hall who is devoting his every effort toward the destruction of our country is allow to walk around and enjoy the fruits of our country, when the congress gets so upset about the hijacking of a plane. Hijacking is serious, but to be allowed to spend a life time working toward the overthrow of our country is a 1,000 times more serious.

Sincerely,

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P. S. The quotation is by  
President Harry Truman.

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(C) FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (C)

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[REDACTED] on 7/23/61, that the Tass  
News Agency, NYC, had submitted a book review to Moscow  
on that date, concerning a new book written by DAVID J.  
DONNER (Bufile 100-25683; NY file 100-11342), entitled  
"The Un-Americans". Tass, according to the informant,  
stated that "The Un-Americans" is published by Ballantine  
Books, is paper covered, and costs \$1.60.

The Tass review describes "The Un-Americans"  
as "...One of the most fully documented accounts of the  
inquisitorial House Committee on Un-American Activities.  
It is also a ringing call for abolition of this Committee...."

The Tass review goes on to quote several  
paragraphs from DONNER's book, including the following  
referenced in the book to the FBI:

1 - Bureau (100-183386) (RM)  
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"...The policing of dissent by agencies of government became a routine feature of our lives witness the sedition persecutions under the Smith Act, the intimidations of the FBI, the rash of loyalty oaths..." (U)

(C) The Tass review again refers to the FBI when it states that "DONNER pinpoints how the FBI and the various fascist-type, racist, and other so-called 'hate' groups work hand in glove with the HUAC". (U)

[REDACTED] the Tass News Agency, NYC, was also mailing a copy of "The Un-Americans" to Moscow. (U)

Above submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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August 21, 1961

[Redacted]  
Apple Valley, California

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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Your letter of August 11, 1961, has been received. I want to thank you for furnishing me the benefit of your remarks relative to "Masters of Deceit." The kind sentiments and prayers expressed in your communication are certainly appreciated.

In reference to your discussion of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I would like to advise you that although it would not be proper for me to comment regarding the specific activities or methods of a legislative committee, I have always felt that the House Committee makes a contribution in its public disclosures concerning the forces that menace the United States.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)  
Internal Security Statement (4-17-61)  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
with in God, Our Answer to Communism  
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.  
The Book, "The UnAmerican," has come to the Bureau's attention in the past. Frank Jaris Donner is on the SI of the New York Office.

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August 11, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

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Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter as a concerned American, who has read your book, Masters of Deceit, and recently one by Frank Donner, "The UnAmericans." I can see the quiet logic of yours but am alarmed about the effect Donner's will have on the youth so anxious to defend "civil liberties."

Donner's main theme in his book seems to be there is no longer any reason to expose Communists, because there are so few left. Would you or one of your staff explain to me the legality of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, and the amount of damage actually done to innocent people?

I am hopeful libel suits will refute many of the things Mr. Donner has put forth, but as an individual in favor of the HUAC, I feel the need for more sure ground in defending it.

In closing, may I say under your leadership, the F.B.I. is very thoroughly respected, and may God grant many with your wisdom in these perilous days.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Apple Valley, Calif.

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[Redacted Address]

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 30, with enclosures. I can assure you that your kind sentiments and your support and approval of our efforts are indeed appreciated.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some literature you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Communist Party, USA

An Analysis of 17th Nat'l Convention of CP, USA & LEB 3-60  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent with whom we have had prior cordial correspondence. She enclosed newspaper clippings of letters she had written to the local newspaper in which she advocated that the book, "The Un-Americans," be banned from local bookstores. She spoke favorably regarding the Director, the

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FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She also criticized Senator J. W. Fulbright, claiming he was trying to "muzzle the military." The book, "The Un-Americans," has been reviewed in the Central Research Section. It is highly critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the FBI, "Communist Target--Youth," and the use of informants. Frank Joris Donner is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. As an attorney, he has represented Communist Party members and has associated with numerous Party front groups. He wrote an article for "The Nation" magazine on 4/10/54 in which he called the FBI a "political police."

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

August 30, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am enclosing a copy of an article which I sent to the Ft. Lauderdale Daily News.

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Many store managers have told me they would see to it that this book would not appear on their shelves.

The best of luck and God bless you.

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### Book Should Be Banned

Editor, The News: 8-29-64

It is indeed frightening to find out how many writers and publications have suddenly directed a long series of vicious attacks against the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

A book that was just recently published called "The Un-Americans" is appearing on some of the bookshelves throughout the state. Its author, Frank Donner, has been exposed in

the Congressional Record of July 17, 1961 by Congressmen Walter and Scherer.

Everyone should request the record; you would then be familiar with the background of the author.

We do hope that our bookstores and those that manage these bookstands will make a great effort to see to it that this book will not appear on their stands. Most places do try and make a reasonable effort to maintain high standards regarding this material. But just the same, millions of Americans are shocked by the efforts of some of these book salesmen to deliberately circulate and place these books on the shelves themselves, unknown to the managers of these establishments.

Every American is aware of the fine work that the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee is doing. We should all take pride in the diligent and determined fight against internal subversion that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the House Committee have been waging. We also take pride and comfort in knowing that the preservation of our internal security remains under the responsibility of Mr. Hoover.

Most individuals have a fair idea of the difference between what is decent and what is indecent and what is right and what is wrong. Remember, your book stand is dependent on the public for survival and this business should service, not dominate.

Mr. Hoover and the FBI, together with the House Committee For Un-American Activities give this country a sense of security. We are proud of them.

Mr. Frank Donner and his pals who plead the Fifth Amendment pose as a very serious threat to our security.

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Editor, The News:

Informed citizens as a rule become responsible citizens. Evidently Senator Fulbright and the Pentagon don't agree.

Every American should request the Congressional Record of August 17 and read in full the "Fulbright memorandum." It is indeed an insult to the intelligence of the American people.

The Fulbright memorandum is an attack against the "right wing," and also an attack on the Institute of American Strategy. It disapproves of the military men arousing the public about communism. In other words, muzzle the military.

Mr. Fulbright did exactly what the "left wing" wanted him to do. They originally started the movement. In the Daily Worker of June 4, 1961, the Communist Party, in an article by Sam Kushner, made a vicious attack on the top military of this country.

On July 16, Gus Hall, the general secretary of the Communist Party, pointed out to his comrades how much the Defense Department indoctrination program was hurting the Communist Party. He instructed them to comment on their views to Washington. The commies began to work

day and night like they always do when they want to destroy anything.

The Pentagon was delighted to receive it and the result was the Pentagon directive gave orders to curb the anti-Communist talks by the military.

Is this the reason the Department of Defense is now recalling the copies of their film called "Operation Abolition," and substituting the film called "Challenge of Ideas," which should be called the "peep film?" It only gives a short peep of anything worthwhile. It does convey to the people how well off they are and how they should appreciate what they have. The American people realize that, and that is their purpose of showing the film "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map" which the Pentagon has removed.

Just what is the purpose of Mr. Fulbright's attitude — in trying to muzzle the military? Is he afraid to challenge the Communists? Who is he trying to discredit?

One would never realize that the Pentagon and Senator Fulbright would compromise a principle. We are shocked.

To win a war, you never strengthen the weak by WEAKENING the strong and that is exactly what Mr. Fulbright and the Pentagon is trying to do.

ANNE DEMPSEY RAINIER

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September 11, 1961

New Braunfels, Texas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 3, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, I am not in a position to comment regarding the matter you mentioned.

I am enclosing some literature on the general subject of communism, together with a copy of the article you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

LEB Intro, 3-60, Analysis of 17th Natl Conv of CP, USA  
Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-1761  
The Deadly Contest Communist Party, USA  
One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The book, "The Un-Americans," has been reviewed in the Central Research Section. It is highly critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the FBI, "Communist Target--Youth," and the use of informants. Frank Joris Donner is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. As an attorney,

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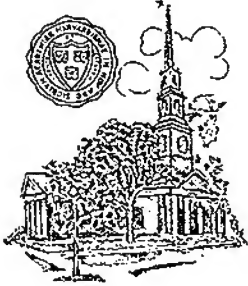
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Justice Department  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently become interested in the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A. I understand that your Department has a bulletin covering the latest convention of the American Communist Party with commentary by the FBI staff. Would you please send me a copy of that bulletin and any other bulletin on actual recent directives within the party --- as to efforts in youth groups, etc.

Also I have recently read a book, the Un-Americans, by a Frank J. Donner. I have subsequently read newspaper reports that someone accused Donner of being a Communist. Is this true or do you have any public information as to his Communist (?) activities? Thank you very much.

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Yours sincerely



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October 25, 1961

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[Redacted Address]

Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

Your letter of October 19 has been received, and it was thoughtful of you to write. My associates and I certainly appreciate your very kind remarks, and we sincerely hope that our future endeavors will merit your continued approval.

It was good of you to afford me your comments and observations regarding the matters you discussed. It is reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. In view of your concern, enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement  
4-1-61 LEB Intro  
Communist Party Line  
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent. In January, 1961, he wrote a letter to the editor of the "Arkansas Gazette," Little Rock, Arkansas, protesting that paper's criticism of the film, "Operation Abolition."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to call to your attention the latest smear of your outstanding organization as well as the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The cheap paper-back book is entitled "The Un-Americans" by Frank J. Donner ( who calls himself a 'Constitutional Lawyer') and published by Ballantine Books of New York.

The book was called to my attention in the October issue of American Mercury via an article by the Hon. Francis E. Walter who outlines the background of the author, citing his many front associations even back to WW II.

As Mr. Walters states, it is "...a volumn which most perfectly embraces and epitomizes the Communist Line and technique in the present energetic program of the Communist Party to discredit a necessary and useful committee of the Congress...."

To fully appreciate the extent to which this booklet goes, on Page 5, we read:

"HUAC is supposed to obtain facts in order to help Congress discharge its legislative responsibilities. Instead, it is charged, HUAC uses the investigative power to attack the witness - " to disgrace private persons," as President Kennedy put it."

This remark was taken out of context from a remark the President made during the 1960 Champaign -- in which he never even mentioned the HUAC.

Contrary to what Mr. Donner seems to think, there are millions of us who are not members of the KKK, White Citizens Council, John Birch Society, American Legion or any other group--but who are deeply concerned over such vicious attacks on the FBI, past and present members of Congress and many patriotic groups who are sincerely alarmed over the extent of Communistic influence.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
October 19, 1961  
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When we look back at Alger Hiss, Anna Rosenberg, David Greenglass, and other traitors who have tried to sell out our nation, we can only come to one conclusion---it can happen here---and in high places.

I do not know if anything can be done, however, such wild charges should not go unnoticed for this cheap copy is now on the bookstands of America, to be read by our youth -- most of whom have not been afforded an opportunity to see the growth of World Communism in action, except in recent times.

While I admit my first hope was that aroused citizens would 'rise up' and demand this trash be shipped back to the publisher, I now feel after reading the booklet that it could well be used as a text book, in conjunction with what has happened in the past---and with what Mr. K. says will happen in the future.

Yours very truly,



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Little Rock, Arkansas

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cc: Hon. Francis E. Walter  
Hon. John L. McClellan

November 21, 1961

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Rockford, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 17, 1961, and I want to thank you for furnishing me the benefit of your observations and comments.

It is always encouraging to hear from individuals who are aware of the menace which the threat of communism poses to our Nation's freedom and who exhibit a desire to combat this evil. Your generous comments concerning my efforts as Director of this Bureau and the work performed by the FBI are most reassuring. It is my hope that our future endeavors warrant your support and approval.

I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

The Deadly Contest  
10-61 LEB Introduction  
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement  
Faith in God: Our Answer to Communism  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The book, "The Un-Americans," by Frank J. Donner has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past. Donner is on the Security Index of the New York Office.

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Rockford, Illinois

November 17, 1961

United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I purchased a book called "The Un-Americans",  
written by Frank Donners. Fortunately I have stamped the book  
"DANGER-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA", in the event someone should glance  
through it. Mr. Donners seems to take great pride in denouncing  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation and you personally. He also  
has his comments to make about Herb Philbrick and Matt Cvetic.  
It disgusts me to see this type of literature available in many  
of our book stores whereas "Masters of Deceit" is still unaccounted  
for.

I'm sorry now that I bought "The Un-Americans" as I feel  
it will undoubtedly ~~help~~ help the Conspiracy.

My Wife and I have attended an Anti-Communist study group  
for several weeks now and I know for a fact that hundreds of  
citizens here in Rockford are joining in this final battle for  
survival. I would like to add that we all have the greatest  
respect and admiration for you and the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
tion.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

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DATE: 11-24-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. BECKER (R - NEW YORK)  
INQUIRY RE FRANK DONNER

## BACKGROUND:

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At 2:07 p. m. today, Mrs. Smith of Congressman Becker's office, Capitol Extension 4921, spoke to SA [ ] of this Section. She inquired concerning Frank Donner, author of the book, "The Un-Americans," and was interested in his communist leanings, if any. She requested that she be called back regarding the results of her inquiry.

## INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles contain very extensive information concerning Frank J. Donner, who is the subject of a Security Matter-Communist investigation by this Bureau and who is on the Security Index. Our investigation disclosed that Donner was allegedly a member of a secret Communist Party apparatus for government employees during the period from 1939 to 1942 and conducted meetings of this apparatus in his home during that period. Donner has had considerable contact over the years with CP members and has acted as Defense Attorney regarding CP members and front groups. He has had extensive association with CP front groups. For example, in 1954 he worked in behalf of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants. His law partners, Arthur Kinoy and Marshall Perlin, have been identified by reliable informants as connected with subversive movements. Donner appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on 6-28-56 and invoked the Fifth Amendment 33 times when questioned regarding his past communist affiliations or whether he knew certain people as communists. He also pleaded the Fifth Amendment in 1959 when questioned about his CP activities by HCUA. An HCUA document entitled "Communist Legal Subversion, The Role of the Communist Lawyer," published 2-16-59, contains extensive information regarding Donner.

Donner's 1961 copyrighted book, "The Un-Americans," calls for the abolition of HCUA and claims that the FBI gives HCUA enthusiastic endorsement. The Russian News Agency, "Tass," New York City, submitted a review of this book to Moscow on 7-28-61. Tass reviewed the book as one of the most fully documented accounts of the inquisitorial HCUA. Tass referred to the FBI when it stated that "Donner pinpoints the FBI and various Fascist-type, racist, and other so-called 'hate' groups work hand and glove with the HCUA." He wrote an article for "The Nation" on 4-10-54 in which he referred to the FBI as a "political police."

Mr. DeLoach

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EC MR. TOLSON

Jones to DeLoach

Re: CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. BECKER

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With regard to Congressman Becker, we have had limited but cordial relations. Most recently, Becker forwarded a copy of the 9-11-61 "Congressional Record" setting forth his statement regarding "Unfair Attack on Law Enforcement Officers." He also inserted in the Record a letter from him to the General Manager and Editor of United Feature Syndicate, Inc., taking issue with recent installments in the "Li'l Abner" comic strip which depicts our Nation's law enforcement officers in a most unfavorable light. Becker was personally contacted by your office and the Director's appreciation was conveyed for Becker's forthright statement in defense of the law enforcement profession.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your office contact Congressman Becker's office and refer them to HCUA files and particularly the HCUA document mentioned above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/61

ATTENTION: Crime Records

FROM :

SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-New)(C)

SUBJECT:

MANNY A. BORUN,  
 Vice President, Thrifty  
 Drug Stores Company, Inc.,  
 General Offices 5051 Rodeo Road,  
 Los Angeles 16, California  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 INTERNAL SECURITY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 9/14/93 BY [redacted]  
 comp # 337607

In connection with other investigation, a  
 Special Agent of the Los Angeles Office was personally  
 introduced to Mr. BORUN by [redacted], Magazine Buyer  
 for the stores.

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Mr. BORUN made available to the Los Angeles  
 Office copies of company records and correspondence  
 which resulted from the inadvertent placing on the  
 magazine racks of the Thrifty Drug Stores of the book  
 "The Un-Americans" by FRANK J. DONNER. D.S.A.

Mr. BORUN explained that as a result of having  
 been informed of the harmful character of this paperback  
 book in terms of this country's security interest, he had  
 caused to be returned to the distributors every copy  
 and had advised the distributors of this book as he had  
 advised the distributors of all magazines and books  
 purchased by the Thrifty Drug Stores Company that under  
 no circumstances did the stores wish to offer books of  
 this type for sale. Mr. BORUN stated that he had taken  
 such action with the Ballantine Book "The Un-Americans"  
 in September, 1961 and subsequently in October, 1961  
 with the character of the book "Jean Paul Sartre on Cuba".

- ③ - Bureau (Encl. 5)  
 1 - San Francisco (Encl. 1)  
 2 - Los Angeles  
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Mr. BORUN stated that the matter of "The Un-Americans" had been brought to his attention originally by one of the customers of his stores, VICK KNIGHT, an executive of Key Records, 7720 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 46, California. Mr. BORUN caused 178 branch stores who might have copies of the book on display racks to place them in the inventory storeroom immediately, call the vendor, and tell him to pick up the merchandise.

Mr. BORUN advised that the present outlets of the Thrifty Drug Stores chain presently total 183, all of which are located in the state of California, except stores at Phoenix, Yuma, Las Vegas, and Eugene, Oregon. Mr. BORUN was pleased to state that as the stores increase in numbers in keeping with their present corporate development program, that this policy of not permitting Communist propaganda to appear on the Thrifty Drug Stores book shelves will be continued.

Mr. BORUN at this point made personal reference to the Director and stated that he had the highest regard and admiration for Mr. HOOVER as a man and as an authority in the field of Communism. He recalled with pleasure on the appearance of Mr. HOOVER's book, "Masters of Deceit", reading that book and "being unable to lay it down".

Mr. BORUN advised that he wishes the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to show no hesitation at any time to seek his assistance wherever and whenever it may be felt that he can help. He further advised that if there was anything he or his company could do, furnish, or act on to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he would be more than ready.

A review of the Los Angeles Office indices shows no information of derogatory nature with respect to Mr. MANNY BORUN. There is a reference indicating over ten years ago that Mr. BORUN had expressed to an agent of this office his personal and company's concern for the

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security integrity of the then large number of Thrifty Drug Stores employees. He at that time stated that the Investigation Division of the Thrifty Drug Stores was conducting private investigation to insure the probity and worth of the company's employees with respect to the issue of subversion.

There is being furnished for the Bureau's information the following:

1. Mimeographed letter from VICK KNIGHT dated 9/16/61 indicating that Mr. BOURN, Thrifty Drug Stores, had removed "The Un-Americans" from the store and encouraging the recipient of this mimeographed letter to write to Mr. BOURN in appreciation.
2. Mimeographed letter from Thrifty Drug Stores Company, Inc., dated 9/15/61 to all magazine and book distributors showing that Thrifty was returning "The Un-Americans" to Ballantine Books and that distributors should know that Thrifty does not wish to offer that book or such books for sale.
3. A similar letter to two above showing similar handling by Thrifty of "Jean Paul Sartre on Cuba".
4. Manager's letter number ten dated 9/15/61 from Thrifty Drug Stores containing the item "The Un-Americans" with instructions to the store managers to remove from display.
5. Manager's letter number 39 dated 10/26/61 which contains similar handling as shown in four above by Thrifty Drug Store on the book "Jean Paul Sartre on Cuba."

Mr. BORUN said that as a result of the reference by Mr. KNIGHT to the action taken by his office on the above titled books, Thrifty Drug Stores Company, Inc., was in receipt of varied correspondence from the public and Mr. BORUN exhibited a tightly packed stack approximately eight inches in height of letters, which he had caused to be bound. He stated these letters were varied in expression but uniformly commendatory of the policy taken by his office. Mr. BORUN said that in opposition of the policy, he had received but two letters which he categorized as derogatory and abusive. Mr. BORUN made available these two letters, which are being handled by the Los Angeles Office in keeping with present security regulations.

It is noted in a copy of the book, "The Un-Americans" on page 296 that the author speaks of the Bureau's concern with the Communist question as follows:

"There may be a headline for some minatory observations of J. EDGAR HOOVER about the "Menace", but, by and large, they create scarcely a ripple in the news."

The current "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary" gives the meaning "threatening" for minatory.

Mr. BORUN is under consideration as a possible SAC contact in the light of his above indicated desires to assist the Bureau in any way possible. It is believed that as one of the operating executives of a major merchandising corporation in Southern California, that he may be of help in the Bureau's criminal and security responsibility.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the San Francisco Office for information in view of the interest San Francisco has in the author of the book, "The Un-Americans", FRANK J. DONNER.

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dated 12/12/61	described as
5 lets re the returning of book	
"The Un-Americans" to distributors	
by Thrifty Drug Stores Co., Inc.	
Re	
Los Angeles file no.	92-New
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Thursday, October 26, 1961

**MANAGER'S LETTER NO. 39**

Good Morning: YOU HAVE the STORY - YOU KNOW the results of the last fiscal year - YOU NOW must convey the needs to every employee of YOUR store = NEEDS as to SALES!

NEEDS as to GROSS PROFITS!

NEEDS as to CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES!

ALL OF THE ABOVE WAS CLEARLY EXPLAINED IN THE ANNUAL RESULTS MEETINGS OF MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN OUR AUDITORIUM BY OUR PRESIDENT MR. LEONARD STRAUS = Let's see a thorough job of communications by each of YOU in YOUR STORE.

All know a POSITIVE approach and attitude is necessary to correct and maintain all departments in our stores = BUILD SALES thru COMPLETE STOCKS - BUILD GROSS PROFITS THRU BETTER MERCHANDISING and THRU MUCH TIGHTER OPERATIONS = FURTHER BUILD SALES and PROFITS THRU GREATLY IMPROVED SERVICE and CUSTOMER CONSCIOUSNESS = Still further show improvement of SALES thru 100% FOLLOW THRU ON SUGGESTIVE SELLING. Remember attunement in all we do will more than pull you thru on 10% sales increases minimum in all same stores.

**IMPORTANT:** Effective immediately remove the pocket edition book published by Ballantine, "Jean Paul Sartre on Cuba" from your book rack and return it to your local magazine distributor for credit. Under no circumstances is this book to be offered for sale in our stores.

**WAREHOUSE CLAIMS:** overs and shorts should be filed within 72 hours - Also respective order pads should be attached to claims - Make certain claims are filled out as to inventories and by all means signed by manager. All claims whether northern or southern warehouse are to be sent to Billing Department main office first - DO NOT send directly to either warehouse.

R. W. Henry

"YOUR ENTHUSIASM WILL BE REFLECTED IN YOUR SALES INCREASES."

Manager  
Assistant Manager  
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**Thrifty**

GENERAL OFFICES  
5051 RODEO ROAD  
AT LA BREA AVE.  
LOS ANGELES 16  
AXMINSTER 3-5111

**THRIFTY DRUG STORES CO. INC.**

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
BOX 2363 TERMINAL ANNEX  
LOS ANGELES 54, CALIF.

October 25, 1961

TO ALL MAGAZINE AND BOOK DISTRIBUTORS:

Gentlemen:

We are, today, issuing a bulletin to all of our stores instructing them to return the Ballantine Book, "Jean Paul Sartre on Cuba" to you for credit.

Under no circumstance do we wish to offer this book, or books of this type, for sale in our stores.

We will appreciate it if you will discontinue sending, to our stores, any books of a controversial nature.

Sincerely yours,

THRIFTY DRUG STORES CO., INC.



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cc: M. A. BORUN

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THRIFTY DRUG STORES CO. INC.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
BOX 2363 TERMINAL ANNEX  
LOS ANGELES 54, CALIF.

September 15, 1961

TO ALL MAGAZINE AND BOOK DISTRIBUTORS:

Gentlemen:

We are, today, issuing a bulletin to all of our stores instructing them to return the Ballantine Book, "The Un-Americans" to you for credit.

Under no circumstance do we wish to offer this book, or books of this type, for sale in our stores.

We will appreciate it if you will discontinue sending, to our stores, any books of controversial nature.

Sincerely yours,

THRIFTY DRUG STORES CO., INC.

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cc: M. A. Borun

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Friday, September 15, 1961

**MANAGER'S LETTER NO. 10**

**Good Morning:** Once again we must remind all in management the subject of complete stocks is of vital importance to our sales volume. Proper time must be given to order writers - Vacation schedules must be covered for order writers - Closing managers must check for all departments being written - All order pads must be sent in and limits adjusted when and where necessary. Each of us must be more conscious of empty spaces on our shelves and correct this condition for improved sales.

**BALLANTINE BOOK "THE UN AMERICANS":** remove from display and return to your distributor for full credit - ALL magazine distributors have been notified to pick up this book and NOT to deliver any more copies to our stores.

**ALL ROMA SWEET WINES:** are being shorted by our Southern California warehouse. Roma Wine Company is changing the label and the new package is expected to arrive in a few days - Continue to order - There is no change for Northern California stores - Northern California warehouse has stock.

**FISHING LICENSE STAMPS:** as a result of legislation by the 1961 California Legislature, it will not be necessary, after September 15, 1961, to require the signature of license buyers on the License stamp, however SIGNATURE IS STILL REQUIRED ON THE FISHING LICENSE ONLY.

**MAX FACTOR SALES MEETINGS:** scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 1961 - 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, September 20, 1961 - 9:00 A.M. Be sure to let your District Manager know if the scheduled amount can attend from your store.

**CALIFORNIA STATE SALES TAX:** reminder destroy old tax forms and use only current forms effective 9/15/61 - for all stores except #181-197-149-113.

**YELLOW SUPPLEMENT LIST CHECKS TO AVOID:** 9/15/61 in today's mail - Look for and attach to current master list - Each member of management should carry current list and refer to before okaying checks for cashing.

**RECALL #R2-337:** on Timex watches should have listed the following numbers -

#20771-CW	Timex Men's Wafer Thin Wrist Watch Chrome
#20841-CW	" " " " " " Gold
#12541-CW	> " Bayonet Wrist Watch Chrome
#20781-CW	
#12641-CW	" " " " " Gold
#51601-CW	" Extra thin Wrist Watch
#51801-CW	" " " " " Square

R. W. Henry

"WE ALL HAVE STRENGTH ENOUGH TO ENDURE THE MISFORTUNE OF OTHERS."

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Assistant Manager  
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TO:

FROM: Vick Knight

TE: September 16, 1961

Most of us engaged in patriotic endeavors are adept at writing letters of protest. And that's good, because there's plenty about which to protest.

Equal in importance and impact to registering indignation, however, is the obligation to express gratitude where deserved, to deliver a clear, resounding "thank you" to those who act to support our convictions.

On the basis of the following brief and factual report, I respectfully request that you give consideration to: (a) Writing a thank-you note to Mr. Manny Bourn, General Offices, Thrifty Drug Stores, 5051 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles - and - (b) Patronizing Thrifty Drug Stores, letting the managers and employees know why - and - (c) if you publish a patriotic newsletter, newspaper or magazine in Southern California, publicize the happy facts.

THRIFTY DRUG STORE CHAIN AND THE BOOK  
"The Un-Americans"

Immediately after the release of Frank J. Donner's "The Un-Americans" by Ballantine Books, I observed that it was prominently displayed in Thrifty Drug Stores. In one Thrifty outlet, at the corners of Sunset Blvd. and Fairfax Ave. in Hollywood, the display space given the book exceeded by perhaps ten times that of any other book in the paperback racks.

Having been alerted to the situation in advance of the publication date by The American Security Council (Bulletin No. 61-7, July 31, 1961) and therefore knowing the book to be of subversive origin, I protested politely to an assistant manager of the store. He appeared to be quite confused about the issue and suggested that I contact the home office of the chain. Instead, I wrote a gracious but firm letter to the manager of the store, pointing out that while we had no way of verifying our substantial cash purchases at the store, our family's prescription accounts had been with the store for 23 years and could be documented in their files; and that if the store persisted in using its shelves to display and sell Soviet propaganda, I would be constrained to take my business elsewhere.

This letter was posted at approximately 5:30 P.M. on Monday, September 11. In less than 24 hours, I received a telephone call from Mr. Manny Bourn, Thrifty Executive. Mr. Bourn first thanked me for my letter. Then he advised me that he had consulted with his own Security Officer who quickly contacted certain reliable sources which completely corroborated that the book is indeed a tool of the Communist Conspiracy. Mr. Bourn further stated that his staff, working overtime, would, as quickly as possible, contact the 178 branch stores, ordering each store manager to remove all copies of the book from the display racks immediately, place the inventory in the store-room, then call the vendor and tell him to pick up the merchandise.

Thus, 178 little Red Fronts were blotted out and 178 store staffs were alerted to the rising tide of Americanism. Naturally, I tell the story to everyone who will listen. I hope you will do the same. It's a heartening thing to know that an organization as large as Thrifty Drug Stores has acted so quickly and decisively in our behalf. There was no equivocation on the part of Mr. Bourn. He stood up - he was counted - he moved boldly and swiftly in the cause of Patriotism. Let's show him we appreciate it.

Cordially and gratefully,

*Vick Knight*

7720 Sunset Blvd. • Los Angeles 46, Calif.



CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File No: 100-25688

Date: 1/31/62

Subject: Frank Joris Donner

Date Searched: 4/11/61

Searched and Identical References Found As:

~~Frank Joris Donner~~  
~~Frank Donald~~  
~~Frank Donner~~  
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~~F. Donner~~  
~~Frank Donner~~  
~~Frank Donner~~  
~~Frank Donner~~  
~~Franklin Donner~~  
~~F. J. Donner~~  
~~A. K. Donner~~

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Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

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~~Frank B. Donner~~  
~~Frank C. Donner~~  
~~Frank D. Donner~~  
~~Frank H. Donner~~  
~~Frank J. Donner~~  
~~Frank Jarvis Donner~~  
~~Frank Jarvis Donner~~  
~~Frank K. Donner~~  
~~Frank V. Donner~~  
~~Frank Voris Donner~~  
~~Frank Donnor~~

Information was found under the variation, Frank J. Donner. This name, however, is not being set out above since it is obviously a misspelling.

Also Searched and No Identical References Found As:

~~Frank Donlan~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

Analyst *Encl. behind file*

Coordinator 100-25688-124

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*FRANK JORIS DONNER*

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ABBREVIATIONS

*Add. info.....Additional information appearing  
in this reference which pertains to  
Frank Joris Donner may be found in  
the main file or elsewhere in this  
summary.*

*FEPC.....Fair Employment Practices Committee*

*NLG.....National Lawyers Guild*

*NLRB.....National Labor Relations Board*

*UE.....United Electricla, Radio, and Machine  
Workers of America*

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RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and CP activities of Frank Donner were set forth in the serials of the main files on his relatives as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>SEARCH SLIP</u> <u>PAGE NUMBER</u>
Phyllis Donner Miller	Sister	100-392087-3 p. 5,6,8 5 p. 1 6 p. 1	(41)✓ (64)✓ (41)✓
Madeline Jaffe Donner	Wife	101-1734-4 p. 1 5 p. 5 8 p. 1 10 p. 1 12 p. 1,2,6,7,12 15 p. 2,3,6,7 21 p. 2,7,8 26 p. 1	(44)✓ (44)✓ (44)✓ (45,60)✓ (45,60)✓ (45)✓ (45,66)✓ (45)✓
Bernard Mark Parelhoff	Former Father- in-law	105-12043-6 p. 2,4	(47)✓

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This reference, captioned [redacted] (100-376221) contains information concerning the association between Frank Donner and [redacted] in NYC in 1939. It was reported that [redacted] when Donner received an appointment to the NLRB, Washington, D.C. This reference also set out background information concerning the CP activity of Donner.

100-376221-2 p. 1 encl. p. 5-7  
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[redacted] (protect identity), admitted former member of the CP and the CPA, [redacted] advised that he knew Marie Prince (100-3421) while she was employed at the NLRB, Washington, D.C. and that he had an impression that she was a CP member. This impression came from conversations he had with members of his CP group, such as Frank Donner. (no date)

100-3421-55 p. 1  
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Correlator's note: Other references in above file stated that Marie Prince was employed at NLRB from approximately 1938 to early 1940.

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On 5/15/40, F.J. Donner, 3620 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., attended a meeting of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action (WCDA) (100-4590), located at 1410 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

As of January, 1941, the WCDA maintained a 3 X 5 index card system entitled "Member List," which contained the name, Frank J. Donner, 3620 16th Street, N.W., HO-8157.

([redacted] of WFO)  
100-4590-9 p. 97,120  
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On 10/28/55, [redacted] advised that

[redacted] group of NLRB lawyers.  
This group consisted [redacted] Frank Donner and [redacted] This group met at various member's homes until possibly August, 1941.

101-2268-20 p. 2  
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On 9/4/41, Frank Donner contacted Jack Mink, an alleged communist, to see if he had any criticism of the police in connection with the disruption of picket lines at the time of the Arcade Laundry strike in Washington, D.C.

On 8/28/41, Marie Coleman of the National Negro Congress (61-6728) furnished another individual a list of members of the March Committee which had to do with a parade to be held on 9/14/41, in Washington, D.C., by the Citizens Committee Against Police Brutality. Donner was a member of the Steering Committee.

(A highly confidential source known to the Bureau)  
61-6728-157 p. 5,17  
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On 10/23/41, Frank J. Donner was interviewed at WFO in connection with the investigations of Government Employees, at which time he stated that he was surprised at the treatment accorded to him by Bureau Agents. He stated that he had heard that Agents were interviewing subjects in a nasty manner but that he had been treated courteously and fairly during the time that he was at WFO. By his manner, Donner gave the impression that he was expressing thanks for this manner of treatment.

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By letter dated 12/31/41, the Justice Department furnished a list of names which had recently been received by Justice Department from INS as "Unable to Identify." Among these names was that of Frank J. Donner, 3620 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

100-2-2637 encl. p. 4  
(53)✓

In a signed statement dated 4/17/56, Nathan Lewis Gerrard (100-406704) advised that in September, 1942, he began working at the NLRB, Washington, D. C. Gerrard stated that he was placed in a NLRB CP group there and that Frank Donner was chairman of the group.

100-406704-10 p. 2  
(41)✓

By letter dated 11/21/47, the CSC furnished numerous index cards on persons who had been investigated and rated ineligible on loyalty grounds, as well as those who were rated eligible but in whose cases some question of loyalty was raised. An index card dated May, 1943, on Frank J. Donner, 3810 W. Street, S.E., Washington, D. C., contained information including the following: "A Priority, Ramspect Classification, National Labor Relations Board, EO 8743, Sr. Attorney (Supr.) Communist Tendencies."

Photostat of index card enclosed  
62-17890-607 encl. p. 1056  
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A highly confidential source known to WFO, advised that Craig S. Vincent (101-792) had helped draw up a resolution presented to the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., by the Citizens Committee Against Police Brutality. Informant advised that this committee was in close touch with alleged communists, among whom was Frank Donner. (no date)

Above information was submitted by WFO report dated 1/22/44.

101-792-21 p. 14  
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By an undated letter, received 9/26/55, the Justice Department requested information on individuals whom [redacted] and [redacted] had identified as CP members or CP sympathizers during the period of their own CP membership.

By letter dated 9/26/55, the Justice Department was furnished the following information concerning Frank Joris Donner: "Employed NLRB 1940 through 1945. Hatch Act investigation 1941. Pertinent reports furnished Justice Department. NLRB advised 1942, subject exonerated."

101-1169-76 encl. p. 6  
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On 6/7/45, Cedric Weedon Fowler (100-185252) writer for the "CIO News" 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., had a luncheon conference with Frank Donner, assistant general counsel for the CIO and with Harriet Bouslog, affiliated with the CIO Maritime Committee. (C-299 of WFO)

100-185252-15 p. 2  
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On 6/19/45, a victory party was to be held at the Lee Sheraton, Washington, D.C. in celebration of a decision handed down by the US Supreme Court on 6/18/45 which reversed the judgment of the lower court to deport Harry Bridges (39-915). An invitation to this party was extended to Frank Donner, assistant general counsel of the national CIO. (C-299 of WFO)

39-915-2569X p. 6  
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On 7/16/45, a meeting of the Industrial Union Council, Washington, D.C. (IUC) (100-33049) was held at 1212 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. An official report of this meeting was set out in a mimeographed bulletin published subsequent to the meeting. According to this bulletin the IUC opposed the Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill-S.1171 which was described by the IUC as "one of the biggest guns in a new open-shop union-busting campaign." The bulletin reported that to get a full analysis of the bill, the series of articles in the "CIO News" by Lee Pressman and Frank Donner in Len De Caux's column should be read. [redacted] of WFO)

100-33049-53-38 p. 11  
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According to C-299 of WFO, Manny Block, field examiner with FEPC, had from time to time annoyed Geraldine Shandros (100-233191) by his tactics which included frequently calling Frank Donner and other member of the CIO and issuing directions instead of making requests. (no date)

Above information submitted by WFO report dated 7/19/45.

100-233191-18 p. 3  
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As of August, 1945, Harriet Bouslog (100-76452) and Frank Donner continued to see each other frequently in Washington, D. C., both socially and for the purpose of discussing business. Both were members of the NLG and they attended NLG luncheons together.

On 4/18/45, at 12:15 P.M., Bouslog and Franklin Donner met at the Burlington Hotel, Washington, D.C. to attend a NLG luncheon.

(C-299 of WFO)  
100-76452-10 p. 1,2  
(27,74)✓

William Lewis Green (65-60281) advised that in October, 1943, and also in October 1944 or 1945, he attended celebrations at the Russian Embassy, Washington, D.C., and that he had seen Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donner at one of these celebrations. He stated he had possibly visited them once or twice but that he did not know them well and did not know their political opinions. Green stated that he remembered the Donner's because Mrs. Donner had associated with his wife, Jean.

65-60281-16 p. 12  
(15)✓

On 10/13/45, Hoyt Haddock contacted Frank Donner at CIO headquarters, Washington, D. C., regarding a petition which he, Haddock, had written for the Congressmen who were trying to get a favorable report on a House resolution to abolish the HCUA. Haddock read what he had written to Donner who thought the petition was all right. (C-299 of WFO)

100-185252-16 p. 2  
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SI 61-8612-63 p. 4  
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As of 10/15/45, Geraldine Shandros (100-233191) was in frequent contact with Frank Donner in Washington, D.C., in connection with her activities in behalf of the FEPC. (C-299 of WFO)

100-233191-19 p. 2  
(34)✓

This reference is a Bureau memo dated 11/16/45 pertaining to Arthur Mandell (100-28282), a key figure communist in the Houston, Texas, area and an attorney believed to represent both the CIO and the CP in that area. As of above date, Mandell had recently been indicted in a black market whiskey case in Houston.

The Justice Department advised that on 11/16/45, Frank Jarvis Donner, an attorney in Washington, D.C., called at that office in Mandell's behalf. The Justice Department indicated that considerable pressure was being brought to bear upon the Department with respect to the Mandell case. The Department desired a further check of information in Bureau files in an endeavor to determine the specific CIO and communist connections of both Donner and Mandell.

100-28282-27 p. 1,2  
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On 11/26/45, a suit brought by the United Federal Workers of America (UFWA) CIO (100-33049) against the Civil Service Commission to have the Hatch Act ban on Federal worker's political activities declared unconstitutional was heard before the US Supreme Court. The brief for this case was prepared by Frank Donner assisted by Max Goldman, member of UFWA. (Volume 7 of the "Federal Records" dated 11/30/45, which was the official publication of the UFWA).

61-8657-385 p. 10  
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In November, 1945, the Industrial Union Council-CIO (100-33049) issued a flyer advertising a CIO-Education Recreation Program, consisting of a series of Thursday night classes to be held at 1212 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. This flyer announced that on 11/29/45, Frank Donner was to conduct a class concerning "Why Strike Today?"

100-33049-53-42 p. 24  
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C-427 of WFO, advised that Samuel Levine (101-1880) was arranging a meeting with Donner (TNU) of CIO to be held on 12/13/45, at Donner's office, 718 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

101-1880-31 p. 7  
(69)✓

On 12/25/45, a Studebaker Sedan, motor #96813 (26-96093) belonging to Frank J. Donner, 3810 W. St., S.E., Washington, D.C., was stolen. This car was recovered on 1/21/46 in the vicinity of Suitland, Md. (Washington, D.C., PD)

26-96093-2 p. 1,2  
(2)✓  
SI 26-96093-1 p. 1,2,3  
(50)✓

On 1/18/46, at a membership meeting of the Washington Bookshop, Washington, D.C., Bert Cohen (100-166675) of the Catalogue Section of the Library of Congress, spoke of the Jefferson School which had been organized within the Library of Congress. Cohen stated that the Jefferson School must instill unionism into everyone they could reach. He further stated that both he and Frank Donner would assist in educating the students of the Jefferson School, the first session to be held at the Washington Bookshop on 1/31/46.

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100-166675-21 p. 2  
(28)✓  
SI 100-166675-24 p. 5  
(28)✓  
SI 100-24699-112 p. 11  
(24)✓(add. info.)

The indices of WFO were checked regarding various contacts of Shura Lewis (100-333625) including Jean Hinton Green. These indices revealed that on 2/24/46, a party was held at the home of Elizabeth Sasuly in Washington, D.C. Among the guests were Green and Frank J. Donner.

100-333625-169 p. 29  
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On 2/26/46, C-427 of WFO advised that Arthur Stein (101-191) told Frank Donner, assistant general counsel for the national CIO, that the passage of the amendment to the Hatch Act would seriously weaken a case which was pending. Stein requested that Donner get Senator Magnason to see if he could delay the amendment. (Amendment not identified)

The "Federal Record" (date not stated), official publication of the United Federal Workers of America-CIO, stated that Arthur Stein had been active in union affairs as national secretary-treasurer of the United Federal Workers of America.

101-191-47 p. 3  
(43)✓

On 2/26/46, Frank J. Donner attended a party given by Richard Sasuly (100-258142) and his wife at their apartment Alban Towers, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (fisur)

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100-258142-6 p. 5,6  
(56)✓  
SI 100-335340-24 p. 3  
(35,57)✓

On 11/29/45, Harriet Bouslog (100-76452) expressed her pleasure to Frank Donner over the way Congressman Hugh DeLacy had forced Ambassador Hurley of China to resign..

As of April, 1946, Donner frequently met with Bouslog and on a number of occasions had lunch with her.

(C-299 of WFO)  
100-76452-13 p. 6,7,11  
(27)✓

On the night of 4/11/46, Charles Scott Bouslog (100-380187) and his wife had dinner in Washington, D.C. with Frank Donner, Eleanor Kahn, a member of the research department of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union from San Francisco; and Bill Glazer. Following the dinner, Albert Blumberg, national legislative director of the CP, and Seth Levine, research director of the CIO Maritime Committee in Washington, D.C., intended to meet with this group. (C-299 of WFO)

100-380187-5 p. 9  
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On 4/16/46, Seth Levine (100-26411) agreed with Frank Donner, assistant counsel for the national CIO, that he would have the CIO Maritime assist the legal division at CIO headquarters, Washington, D.C., in preparing the material concerning the right of the HCUA to subpoena the files and records of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. (WFO-C-299)

100-26411-38 p. 3  
(24)✓

On 5/31/46, Frank Donner spoke at a memorial rally for veterans and non-veterans in honor of Washington Veterans held at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Wash., D.C. The Washington, D.C. branch of Foreign Inspired Agitation Among American Negroes (100-135) distributed leaflets announcing this meeting. [redacted]  
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100-135-53-246 p. 24  
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[redacted]  
advised that while he [redacted] in Washington, D.C., from [redacted] he attended a CP meeting at the home of Frank Donner, also a member of the CP group.

100-419796-72 p. 2  
(42)✓

It was stated in the 6/8/46 issue of the "Chicago Defender" that Frank Donner, national CIO representative, spoke at a memorial rally held in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Washington Provisional Committee of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (100-344537). (date of meeting not stated)

100-344537-57 p. 6  
(36)✓

On 3/4/47, the CSC furnished a list of individuals who had been fired or barred from appointment. This list was headed, "Cases rated and closed as ineligible in which loyalty was a major factor during period 7/1/45 through 6/30/46," and contained the name Frank J. Donner, Senior Attorney, NLRB.

62-17890-519 encl. p. 1  
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Volume one, number 2 issue (date not stated) of the "Cafeteria Union News," published by Cafeteria Workers Local 471, indicated that this local had conducted a recreation-education program which featured such speakers as Frank Donner, Assistant General Counsel, CIO.

C-427 of WFO, advised that Arthur Stein had been in touch with Frank Donner. (date not stated)

In an article in the 1/26/46 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier," Stein was referred to as secretary-treasurer of the United Federal Workers of America (100-344835).

Above information submitted by WFO report dated 7/1/46.

100-344835-14X1 p. 108,110  
(36)✓

On 7/25/46, C-437 of WFO reported a conversation between Frank Donner and Dorothy Stein, wife of Arthur Stein (101-191) in which Donner stated that the West Coast Unions were asking for CIO policy on a no-strike affidavit. Donner and Stein discussed whether they should comply with the no-strike affidavit regulation.

101-191-55 p. 2  
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[redacted] (protect identity), made available an eight-page typed pamphlet entitled "An Analysis of the President's Strike Breaking Bill," edited by the CIO legal department, Lee Pressman, Eugene Cotton, and Frank Donner. (no date)

Above information submitted by Los Angeles report dated 8/14/46.

100-290733-274 p. 16  
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On 10/9/46, Elizabeth Sasuly took steps to file her name as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. She discussed this matter with Frank Donner, national office of CIO, (WFO-C-425)

Sasuly was National Legislative Research Director for the Food Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America (100-21497). (WFO files)

100-21497-557 p. 5  
(24)✓

From 4/12/46 to 10/30/46, Harriet Bouslog (100-76452) had a wide variety of contacts in Washington, D.C., among whom was Frank Donner.

On 5/4/46, a group of Negro women were to hold a meeting at the Phyllis Wheatly Y.W.C.A., Washington, D.C., and wanted the NLG to furnish a speaker. Bouslog suggested that the group could probably get Donner as a speaker.

On 4/25/46, Bouslog made the statement that a meeting of the Civil Liberties Congress would soon be held in Washington, D.C. and that Donner would attend.

On 9/27/46, Bouslog learned that Donner was attending a reception at the Russian Embassy, Washington, D.C., for delegates of the World Trade Unions and intended going to Bouslog's house from there.

(C-299 of WFO)  
100-76452-16 p. 3,4,5,13  
(27)✓

This reference set out background information concerning stockholders of the Metropolitan Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) Washington, D.C. (100-345662) and revealed that Bureau Agents had observed William L. Green, one of the stockholders of MBC, and Frank J. Donner in attendance at a party held at the residence of Dick Sasuly in Washington, D.C.

Above information submitted by WFO report dated 1/9/47.

100-345662-15 p. 5  
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On 3/4/47, C-499 of WFO reported that Annie Stein in a conversation with Ethel Weisser (100-347179), discussed the matter of obtaining a speaker for an unidentified meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. (date not stated). Weisser remarked that Frank Donner was a good speaker and Stein stated that she thought that Donner was speaking at the Auxiliary meeting (not identified) on Wednesday night.

100-347179-120 p. 5  
(36) ✓

On 5/5/47, Donald Murray of the national office of the United Public Workers of America (UPWA) (100-344835) was contacted by Frank Donner, of the national CIO, to inquire whether the UPWA had any information on the Alabama Public Workers Association. Donner indicated that James W. Morgan was in charge of the organization and Donner wanted to know something about Morgan also. Donner stated that he was studying the constitution of the Alabama Public Workers Association in order to give a legal opinion on it. (C-427 of WFO)

100-344835-205 p. 32  
(36) ✓

On 9/30/47, an unidentified woman, who was apparently connected with some newspaper, contacted Henry Zon of the CIO-PAC\* at which time Zon asked her to talk to Frank Donner or someone in Lee Pressman's office about getting a copy of a memorandum concerning the position of the CIO in regard to the Taft-Hartley Act. (C-524 of WFO)

122-10-28 p. 18  
(49) ✓

\* Political Action Committee

On 10/24/47, a strictly confidential and reliable source who had access to the apartment of Harold Edgar Clearman (100-347403), 111 35th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., advised that the name of Frank Donner, CIO, was in the possession of either Clearman or his wife, June Clearman.

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WFO set out information concerning Donner's background which revealed that he had resided at 3020 Tilden Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (date not stated).

WFO also advised that Donner was an associate of Eleanor Nelson and Jacob Abraham Minicker, both of UFWA-CIO (UFWA not identified- (no date)).

Add. info. according to [redacted] and duplicate informants.

100-347403-22 p. 36,37

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100-405563-6 p. 14

(41)✓ (Anonymous source of the  
Cleveland Office)

On 10/29/47, Martin Popper, who was then in Washington, D.C., invited Madeline and Frank Donner over to meet some of his Hollywood friends. Madeline Donner informed Popper that her husband, Frank, was in Ohio but that she would come. (Source not clear, probably WFO-C-519)

Popper, vice-president of the NLG, had been retained as counsel to represent the nineteen hostile witnesses before the HCUA in connection with hearings regarding Communist Infiltration of the Motion Picture Industry (100-138754). (No source).

100-138754-357 p. 20

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On October 20 and 30, 1947, the HCUA conducted hearings to determine the degree of Communist Infiltration into the Motion Picture Industry (100-138754). Because of the refusal of some witnesses to answer questions concerning their CP membership, the HCUA recommended to the House of Representatives that these individuals be cited for contempt of Congress. (No source)

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In an effort to bring pressure on Congress in favor of these individuals, William Hayes contacted numerous individuals, including Frank Donner, Counsel for the CIO. (C-518 of WFO)

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According to [redacted] Hayes was a former CP member and had been retained to handle public relations for the Hollywood group.

100-138754-527 p. 5  
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On 11/15/47, C-518 of WFO furnished information concerning a phone call between Bill Hayes, publicity director for the Hollywood group in the Motion Picture Industry (100-138754), Martin Popper and Dave Wahl in which a press release expressing apposition to the HCUA, was discussed. In discussing this press release, which was being issued by the Hollywood group, Hayes suggested that he would call Frank Donner, assistant general counsel, CIO, Washington, D.C., or another individual who was familiar with the matter and would then brief Hoyt Haddock, chairman of the CRC, regarding it.

100-138754-318 p. 1  
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This reference captioned Solomon Aaron Lischinsky (100-362595), contains information concerning the activities of Frank Donner in the Washington area during the period 1945-1948. On numerous occasions Lischinsky was in contact with Donner. On two occasions Donner spoke at meetings held by the Washington Book Shop. During this period, Donner was in contact with Albert E. Blumberg, a CP functionary; Geraldine Shandros, connected with the FEPC; Eleanor Driesen, CP member; Harriett Bouslog, of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union; and Elizabeth Sasuly, CP member.

100-362595-X1 p. 3,4  
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In the spring of 1947, Frank Donner was a friend of Eugene Cotton (100-175450). (WF 466S\*)

According to Donner's personnel file at the NLRB, Washington, D. C., he was employed there from March 1940 to April 1945 when he accepted employment as Assistant General Counsel with the CIO in Washington, D. C. (No source)

In 1947, Cotton, Donner and Martin Popper were acquainted socially. (WF 519-S\*)

In 1948, Cotton was acquainted socially with Donner. (WF 517-S\*)

Add. info.

100-175450-6 p. 13,14  
(28,75)✓

Lillian Clott (100-34447) was instrumental in arranging for Frank Donner to speak at a forum held by the Washington Bookshop Association, Washington, D.C., in February, 1948. (C-501 of WFO)

100-34447-54 p. 4  
(26)✓

Turner Smith, Special Assistant to the AG, advised that on 2/7/48, he had a conference with Frank Donner, acting general counsel of the CIO and Lee Pressman, former general counsel, at which time Pressman furnished sufficient information to establish the fact that the CIO was a labor union within the definition of the law. Smith advised that he would make available to the FBI the information furnished him by Donner and Pressman.

122-12-37X p. 1  
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WFO advised that on 2/11/48 a true bill was returned by the US Grand Jury for the District of Columbia against the CIO and its president Philip Murray. WFO further advised that Jesse Climenko, AAG, had advised that pursuant to an agreement between himself and Frank Donner, acting general counsel of the CIO, [redacted]

[redacted] had appeared before the Grand Jury and had testified concerning [redacted]

[redacted] was expected to similarly testify at the trial following the above indictment.

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Estar Paskoff (100-275027), as a member of the board of directors of the Washington Bookshop Association, scheduled forums, entertainments, and guest-speaker appearances. In that connection, Paskoff arranged for Frank Donner, assistant legal counsel, national CIO headquarters, to speak before the Association in Washington, D.C., on 2/13/48. [ ] and C-501, both of WFO)

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100-275027-10 p. 4  
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On 3/1/48, Howard Hogue, secretary to David J. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of United Steel Workers of America-CIO (100-62018) 1500 Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh, advised that the resignation of Lee O. Pressman, general counsel, CIO had been accepted and that in all probability Frank Donner would succeed Pressman.

100-62018-1117 p. 1  
(26)✓

On 3/7/48, Bureau Agents attended a debate between Frank Donner and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce which was held at the Academy of Music Foyer, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. This debate was sponsored by the Philadelphia School of Social Science (100-154799). Donner spoke against the retention of the Taft-Hartley Act and urged its repeal.

100-154799-94 p. 2,25,26  
(28)✓

On 5/11/48, C-425 of WFO learned that Elizabeth Sasuly (100-335340) contacted Nathan Witt, Washington, D.C., concerning the Mundt Bill. Sasuly stated that the CIO was putting out an analysis of the Mundt Bill which analysis was being prepared by Frank Donner.

100-335340-29 p. 3  
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On 5/11/48, Elizabeth Sasuly, legislative director of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America (FTA) (100-21497) held a conversation with Armando Valdez, acting international secretary-treasurer of FTA. Sasuly advised Valdez that pressure should be put on Phil Murray, head of the CIO, for a statement on the Mundt Bill. (Bill not identified) Sasuly stated that a legal analysis by Frank Donner, of the CIO legal department, was not sufficient, and that a statement concerning the Mundt Bill by Murray would carry a lot of weight with the Congressmen. (PHT-47)

100-21497-710 p. 2  
(76) ✓

On 10/3/48, fourteen persons were arrested by the Washington, D. C. Police Department as possibly witnesses to an alleged shooting at the residence of Julius Kaplan, 516 Second Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. At the same time a ready reference desk type telephone directory was removed from the residence. This directory, which pertained to a subscriber's list for the "DW" and "The Worker" contained the name of Frank Donner.

A report of these arrests stated that it appeared that those arrested were lingering at Kaplan's residence after a CP meeting.

(Washington DC PD)  
Photostat of list enclosed  
61-4478-531 encl. p. 1  
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C-445 of WFO advised that Charles Kramer (100-355470) engaged with Frank Donner, assistant counsel, national CIO, in working on an analysis of the Senate Wage and Hour Bill. (no date)

Above information submitted by WFO report dated 11/19/48.

100-355470-3 p. 14  
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Until the latter part of February, 1949, Helen Alexandro Watman (101-1398) was employed as secretary to Frank Jarvis Donner, assistant general counsel, CIO, 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Wash., D.C. (no source)

An anonymous call to above office, in approximately February, 1949, revealed that Watman had terminated her employment there.

101-1398-7 p. 1,2,3  
(44,64)✓

While in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md., Eleanor Nelson, while engaged in her official capacity of representing the United Federal Workers, was in contact with numerous individuals including Frank Donner, assistant general counsel, CIO. (no date, no source)

Above information submitted by memorandum from WFO dated 3/1/49.

74-1333-2433 p. 3  
(16)✓

The 3/8/49 issue of the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" reported under a Washington, D.C., dateline that Frank Donner, Assistant General Counsel of the CIO and the United Steel Workers of America-CIO (100-62018) had resigned, to be effective 4/1/49.

100-62018-1176 p. 4  
(26)✓

On 5/28/49, Elizabeth Sasuly (100-335340), of Washington, D.C., contacted Bruce Waybur, research director of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers -CIO and ascertained that he would be present at a farewell party contemplated for Frank Donner. (place not stated) (C-425 of WFO)

100-335340-71 p. 13  
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Elizabeth Sasuly, representative of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers, CIO, invited Charles Kramer (100-355470) and his wife to attend a farewell party for Frank Donner who was moving to New York. This party was to be held on 5/29/49 at the home of Bill Hays, 4863 Potomac Street, Washington, D.C. Donner, who had been assistant general counsel at the national CIO, left that position to engage in the general practice of law in NYC. (C-445 of WFO)

100-355470-9 p. 1,4  
(38)✓

This reference captioned Solomon Aaron Lischinsky (100-362595) set out information concerning the activities of Frank Donner in connection with Lischinsky, and with others active in CP matters in the Washington, D.C. area, during the period from 12/8/45 to 5/18/48. In June 1949, Donner moved from Washington, D.C. to NYC.

100-362595-13 p. 22,23,24,27  
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[redacted] advised that Bill Hayes (100-356922) had arranged with Martin Popper for a meeting to be held in Nat Cowan's office in Washington, D.C., in connection with work which the CRC was to do in behalf of the people from Hollywood who had been cited for contempt of Congress. If Popper couldn't attend the meeting he was to tell Frank Donner what was to be done and Donner would relay this to the others. (no date)

WFO noted that Cowan was legislative representative of the CIO.

Above information was submitted by WFO report dated 6/2/49.

100-356922-2 p. 8  
(38)✓

In November, 1949, PH-62 advised that Albert Benjamin Gerber (101-1791) and S. Harry Galfand, attorneys who represented District 7, United Steel Workers of America-CIO, had been used by Frank Donner during the 1947 "portal-to-portal pay" controversy. Informant advised that Donner subsequently resigned from CIO under pressure because of communist activities.

101-1791-16 p. 9  
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In June 1950, C-516 of WFO advised that within the past six months David Rein (101-2426), had been in contact with numerous communists including Frank Donner, Washington, D.C.

101-2426-59 p. 2  
(46)✓

In December, 1949, an anonymous source of the NY Office made available a list of names and telephone numbers maintained in the personal possession of Robert Jules Silberstein (100-335467) at NYC. One of these listings was "Frank Doner (Frank Donner?), Can 6-4765."

The 1950 NYC telephone directory listed a Frank Donner, attorney, 52 Broadway, Whitehill 4-7754.

On 8/8/50, ND-516 of the NY Office advised that Frank Donner was one of the CP defense attorneys.

100-335467-78 p. 5  
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By letter dated 9/16/50, Richard S. Kaplan, attorney, Gary, Indiana, advised the Bureau of a new legal publication called "The Civil Liberties Report," edited by Frank Donner, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC. Kaplan advised that the 9/16/50 issue of this publication was being distributed among all attorneys of the U.S.

100-0-25557 p. 1  
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On 11/10/50, Carl Winter (100-4861) conferred at length in NYC with Frank Donner. Winter was interested in getting someone from CP headquarters to do research work on the CP Brief for the coming CP hearings. Winter was unable to get this help.  (U) ~~C~~

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As of December 1950, Sandra Dyer (100-353672) was employed by the firm Donner and Kinoy, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC (Baltimore source #4, known to Bureau).

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100-353672-16 p. 1,2,3  
(58)✓

On 1/26/51, C-516 of WFO advised that Joseph Forer, a Washington, D.C., attorney, contacted John Abt, an attorney from NYC, at which time they discussed the filing of CP action in US District Court for the District of Columbia against the legality of the McCarran Law. In discussing a draft of the complaint, Abt mentioned Frank (believed to be Frank Donner).

100-3-3709 p. 1  
(16)✓

As of February, 1951, Basil Reddiford Pollitt (100-13144) was employed as an attorney by Donner and Kinoy, attorneys, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC. (Source not clear)

The NY Office noted that Frank J. Donner of Donner and Kinoy, was the subject of a security investigation at the NY Office.

100-13144-31 p. 5  
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On 2/5/51, WFO-C-516 advised that John Abt, a New York attorney, contacted Joseph Forer, a Washington, D.C., attorney. In their conversation, Abt stated that Frank (believed to be Frank Donner) was working on a brief testing the constitutionality of the Internal Security Act 1950 (100-372598).

100-372598-188 p. 1  
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On 2/8/51, John Abt, NY attorney, contacted Joseph Forer, Washington attorney, concerning the injunction suit of the CP against the Subversive Activities Control Board, at which time he, Abt, stated that Frank (believed to be Frank Donner) was still working on the Constitutional stuff (not identified) and hoped to have it finished within the next day or so. Forer doubted that Donner would let them look at this material until it was filed. (No source)

100-372598-201 p. 2  
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[redacted] furnished a handbill dated 2/12/51, published by the Staff Council of the UN, announcing a protest meeting to be held on 2/20/51, by UN employees over the dismissal of the following employees: Benedict Solomon Alper, Raymond McGuire and Jeanne Picou. This handbill advised that Frank J. Donner of the law firm Donner and Kinoy, had been retained to defend the staff's interests in connection with these terminations.

Photostat of handbill enclosed  
105-13893-15 encl. p. 2  
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On 2/17/51 [redacted] (protect identity) then in the [redacted] [redacted] furnished a list of names of employees and former employees of the NLRB, on whom he believed a full field investigation should be made before their re-employment in federal service. Among these names was that of Frank J. Donner.

List enclosed  
121-0-3987X encl. p. 1  
(62)✓

Dennis Casey, Security Officer of the UN and a member of the Staff Council, furnished a Photostat of a letter dated 11/13/51, written by Raja Faris Howrani (65-59488) to the UN Staff Council. Howrani stated in this letter, which concerned the termination of his employment at the UN on 3/20/51, that Mr. Donner (first name not stated) provided expert legal counsel for him at the time of his termination.

65-59488-71 encl. p. 1  
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On 9/20/50, NY-516-S\* advised that Joe Brant of the National CP headquarters, NYC, selected Rose Clinton as a stenographer to work for Frank Donner who was in the process of preparing the CP brief in connection with the trial of the CP leaders for violation of the Smith Act. (U) ~~C~~

Louis Zukor, 2112 Broadway, NYC, real estate agent for 204 Manhattan Avenue, NYC, which was the address of Rose Clinton (101-1736), advised that Clinton, as of April 1951, was employed by Frank Donner, attorney, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC.

According to a pretext telephone call to Donner, as of April 1951, Clinton was not and had never been employed by him.

101-1736-54 p.1, 3

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100-1736-60 p.3

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On 4/9/51, [redacted] Office advised that Eugene Wallach (100-30802) had employed the service of attorney Frank J. Donner to seek his re-employment with the United Nations. Informant stated that Donner had been successful before the UN Appeal Board inasmuch as Wallach had been re-hired shortly after his termination in November 1949. Informant stated that Wallach had given about \$250 to \$500 to Donner for his services.

100-30802-23 p.3

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SI 100-30802-33 p.15, 16

(55)✓

SI 105-13893-36 p.1

(61)✓(Add. info.)

This reference dated 4/11/51 contains information of an administrative nature. There is not activity of Frank Donner involved.

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On 5/1/51, one Dick, believed to be Richard Morford of NYC, was in contact with David Rein, Washington, D.C. attorney, at which time they discussed the Supreme Court decision of 4/30/51 relative to the right of the AG to place a name on the subversive list. Rein said that he would be willing to go to NYC for a discussion of the matter and thought that there should be a joint discussion with the Joint Anti-Fascists and the IWO. Rein said that "he guessed Frank Donner would be responsible for the IWO now." (WFO-C-516)

100-146964-1618 p. 2  
(27) ✓

Correlator's note: According to 100-146944-1617, Richard Morford was executive director of the National Council of American Soviet Friends (100-146964). ~~hbx~~

In approximately May and June, 1951, Hugh Robinson (100-367091) was instrumental, along with Benedict Alper, one of the individuals denounced by the UN, and Frank Bancroft, in securing the services of attorney, Frank J. Donner to represent these employees in their plea for reinstatement.

The UN telephone directory listed Bancroft as being in room 1535, UN headquarters, NYC. He was one of the editors of the Documents Control Division, Department of Conferences and General Services.

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100-367091-13 p. 2  
(59) ✓

SI to para. 1

100-367091-8 p. 5-7

(59, 66) ✓ (add. info. according to )

On 6/2/51, NY-ND-516 advised that Betty Gannett, national educational director of the CP, told Frank Donner that she and Carl Winter, chairman of District 7, CP, wanted to spend an hour with Donner and John Abt (100-236194) to discuss "the whole question of the approach to the answer." Informant advised that in all probability this meeting was in regard to the McCarran Act. ~~hbx~~

100-236194-155 p. 10  
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On 7/2/51, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that Frank J. Donner, of the law firm of Donner and Kiney, and counsel to the Staff Association of the UN, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC, had filed a brief with the UN Secretariat on behalf of the Staff Association and six terminated staff members, including Benedict Solomon Alper (100-325113). These staff members were terminated between 12/19/50 and 2/2/51.

100-325113-40 p. 3,4

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On 7/14/51, Marion Bachrach, public relations director of the CP, USA, contacted Frank Donner, CP attorney, and stated that Kathy Flynn, sister of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, had raised enough cash to post bond for Elizabeth Flynn, but that they needed someone to go to the court house with her. Donner stated that he would be unable to go and suggested [redacted] (100-261716). (NY-516\*)

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100-261716-8 p. 5

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The 7/29/51 issue of the "New York Times" in an article captioned "UN Staff's Charges of Bias in Ousters Get Final Hearing," stated that hearings were being held concerning the dismissal of six UN employees and that a brief had been presented by the UN Staff Association covering the case of these employees. This brief had been prepared by Frank J. Donner, an attorney for the Staff Association.

101-467-A "NY Times" 7/29/51

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The 8/26/51 issue of the "New York Times" carried an article concerning attempts of Secretary General Trygve Lie to dismiss certain employees of the UN Secretariat. The article stated that Frank J. Donner, attorney, had implied that in two cases workers were dismissed because they had been accused of communist ties.

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The 9/5/51 issue of the "New York Times" carried an article which stated that on 9/4/51 the UN was ordered by the Administrative Tribunal of that organization to revoke the dismissal of two employees, Mrs. Mary Jane Keeney (101-467) and Rajah F. Howrani of Syria. In the case of Howrani, his counsel, Frank J. Donner explained that "extraneous" reasons had motivated his dismissal as head of the Arabic Desk in the Department of Public Information.

101-467-159 p. 2,3

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SI to para. 2

100-467-213 p. 4

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SI to para. 1

105-13893-45 p. 1 -

(62)✓

C-425 of WFO advised that Jean Hinton Greene (100-351197) and her husband, William Lewis Green, Washington, D.C., had been associated with Frank J. Donner and his wife, Madeline.

Above information submitted by WFO report dated 9/11/51.

100-351197-3 p. 7

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SI 65-60281-4 p. 6

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This reference captioned Allan Robert Rosenberg (101-2667), contains background information regarding the law firm of Donner and Kinoy, 55 W. 42nd Street, NYC. Also set out was a summary of information regarding Frank Donner, a member of this law firm. Activities cover the period 1940 to February 1952 and takes place in NYC and Washington, DC.

101-2667-37 p. 4-6

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Correlator's note: a review of serial 28 of this file revealed that Rosenberg had received correspondence on 8/31/51 from Donner and Kindy, 55 W. 42nd Street, NYC.

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In approximately April 1952, a confidential informant, known to the NY Office, furnished the contents of a hand written telephone directory in the possession of Walter Bernstein (100-353390). The name Frank Donner, OR 9-2420, appeared in this directory.

100-353390-326 encl. p. 45  
(37)✓

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On 8/20/51, [ ] made available information which indicated that Clara Hall (100-369245) was employed as secretary by Donner and Kinoy, 55 West 42nd Street, NYC.

On 5/8/52, an appropriate pretext phone call made to the office of Donner and Kinoy disclosed that Hall was employed by that firm.

100-369245-14 p. 2,3  
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This reference captioned [ ] (100-353390) contains information concerning the activities of Frank Donner during the period from approximately 2/20/52 through 5/31/52. During this period Donner was in association with [ ] and acted as attorney for him. On several occasions Bernstein was in contact with the law firm of Donner and Kinoy, 104 East 40th Street, NYC, of which Frank Donner was a member. This reference set out background information on Donner and identified him as a CP member in Washington as early as 1940.

100-353390-413 p. 1,24,54,76,77,84-89  
(37,66)✓✓

On 10/24/47, an anonymous source of the Cleveland Office advised that the name Frank Donner-CIO, was among the names in the possession of Harold Edgar Clearman (100-347403) or his wife, whose residence was 111 35th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

As of June 1952, the Cleveland Office noted that Donner, 1219 Hamilton Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was assistant general counsel for the CIO, and that Donner had been a member of the NLG since his student days at Columbia University.

100-347403-46 p. 18  
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On [redacted] appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of NY and was questioned

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The above information was made available through minutes of the Federal Grand Jury hearing as furnished by AUSA James B. Kilsheimer III.

100-48754-251 p. 2  
(26)✓

In about October 1952, Frank Donner was making inquiry relative to [redacted] (not identified). It was not known what information Donner was seeking, or whether it concerned [redacted] (100-406839). In the summer of 1952, an individual by the name of [redacted], NYC, had also been making inquiry about [redacted] (Lyndhurst, New Jersey PD) .

100-406839-11 p. 1  
(41)✓  
SI 61-9299-60 p. 3  
(4)✓

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In approximately January 1953, [redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-353390) had been in telephonic contact with OR 9-2420. This number was subscribed to by the firm of Donner and Kinoy, attorneys, 104 East 40 Street, NYC. Informant advised that this firm banked at the Bank of Manhattan, 43rd Street and Madison Avenue, NYC. The address of Frank Donner, of the above firm, was 400 Washington Avenue, NYC, and his telephone number was LO 8-7507.

100-353390-446 p. 17,90  
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According to the NY Office, various informants advised between 1945 and January, 1953, that Frank Donner had been in contact with known members of the CP and CP sympathizers.

As of January 1953, NY 710-S\* advised that Donner was a close contact of [redacted].

[redacted] Louis Budenz (protect identity) advised that he believed that [redacted] had been a CP member.

Add. info.

100-99839-175 p. 18  
(66)✓

In May 1948, <sup>Frank</sup> Donner was proposed as a member of the executive board of the NLG. (WF-516-S\*)

WF-585-S\* advised that in May 1949, Frank Donner was leaving Washington for NYC.

In late January 1953, WF-776-S learned that George Saul Goldstein (100-345180) was going to assist Donner in securing a certain hearing transcript from the Chelf and McCarran Committees of Congress.

100-345180-27 p. 15  
(36)✓

In the March 1940 special election, Frank J. Donner, 122 West 13th Street, NYC, signed a CP nominating petition for Earl Browder for Congress, 14th Congressional District. (Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, NYC PD, protect identity)

The 2/22/49 issue of the "DW" carried an article datelined 2/21/49 at Detroit and captioned "Lawyer's Guild Parley Warns on Civil Rights," which stated that Donner, associate general counsel of the CIO, led a panel discussion on the Taft Hartley Bill at the ninth convention of the NLG. (Place not stated)

As of 1953, the subscriber to Norwalk telephone 8-8714 was identified as Frank Joris Donner, 27 Dock Road, Village Creek, South Norwalk, Connecticut. (No source)

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As of 1/27/53, according to the New Haven Office, Frank Donner, South Norwalk, Conn., was a correspondent of Morton Stavis (100-13661).

100-13661-97 p. 1-3  
(55)✓  
SI to para. 3  
100-99889-169 p. 1  
(66)✓

A telegram dated 4/21/53, sent from the State Department in Paris, France, to the Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., and received from State Department through liaison channels, stated that David Neal Leff (62-84676) had stated that Frank J. Donner, NY attorney, was not his personal lawyer, but that Paris attorney, UNESCO\* staff association, had established contact with Donner.

62-84676-55 p. 1  
(51)✓

Correlator's note: According to 62-84676-53, the Grand Jury in NYC

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\* United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

On 5/1/53,

[redacted] and potential confidential source of information, furnished a 300 page brief on behalf of 19 applicants whose employment at the UN had been terminated. Frank J. Donner was one of the defense attorneys in this action. (Date of brief not stated)

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(Copy of brief enclosed)  
105-13893-459 p. 1  
(61)✓

On [redacted] confidential informant [redacted] attended a cocktail party at the home of Frank Donner, South Norwalk, Conn. [redacted] just before the arrival of informant. [redacted] at a recent appearance before the Senate Investigating Committee. Others present were Mrs. Donner and [redacted] Also present were [redacted] who were not introduced to informant.

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The New Haven Office noted that the [ ] couple were security index subjects of that office.

100-38808-71 p. 1  
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The 8/21/53 issue of "Counterattack," published by American Business Consultants, Inc., (100-350512) stated that Frank J. Donner, a former CIO attorney, had been described in the CP press as a leader of the "Civil Rights Congress, the Party's bail fund and legal defense agency."

"Counterattack" also stated that Donner served as counsel for Rev. Jack R. McMichael when he testified before the HCUA, the previous week. McMichael was described as having been a leader in CP activities.

100-350512-542 p. 4  
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On 8/2/53 and 8/31/53, [ ] advised that Helen Kagen-Pozner (100-363216) was in contact with subscriber to telephone number 8-8714 in Norwalk, Conn.

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The Norwalk telephone directory and the city directory listed Frank Donner as subscribing to TEmple 8-8714.

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100-363216-54 p. 1-3  
(38, 58) ✓  
SI to para. 1  
100-363216-81 p. 3  
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On approximately 12/7/53, [ ] advised that Theodore Bayer, administrative secretary of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF) (100-146964) had recently attempted to obtain files of previous testimony of former government witnesses which were reportedly maintained by Frank Donner, 104 East 40th Street. Informant stated that it was indicated that Donner would not consent to allowing these files to be taken out of his office. Donner, however, was considering a proposition by Bayer whereby Donner would send his information researcher to Washington, DC, with the files and then Bayer, or NCASF representative would set up an office in Washington, whereby the research would then supply the lawyers with the information they might require concerning prospective government witnesses. (no source)

100-146964-1827 p. 1  
(27)✓

On 12/21/53, Philip O. Kenney (105-88711) refused to talk with Bureau Agents and advised that any additional inquiry should be directed to his attorney, Frank Donner.

Add. info.

105-88711-3 p. 6,7  
(47)✓(61)✓  
SI 101-467-219 p. 1,2,3  
(43)✓(60)✓(add. info.)

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A report dated 4/9/54, received from confidential source [ ] stated that one of the French intelligence services had secured a list of jurists who attended the International Conference of Democratic Jurists (100-348689) held in Vienna, Austria, on January 4-7, 1954. Appearing on this list was the name of one Donner, attorney-at-law, NY. Donner was not further identified. The report, however, set out the names of individuals by the name of Donner appearing in the NY telephone directory at that time. Among these names was that of Frank Donner, attorney, 55 West 42 Street, NYC.

100-348689-62X p. 3  
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On 5/23/55, the NY Office furnished proofs of the book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley, as received from the H and S Co. \*

On page 12 of this book, the author referred to Elizabeth Bentley's testimony against the Rosenbergs and criticized Bentley for receiving an income for publishing her autobiography, newspaper articles, and giving lectures to civic groups. In this connection the author referred to the following quotation by Frank J. Donner which appeared in the 4/10/54 issue of "The Nation":

"The more they talk, the more they are in demand;  
and the more they are in demand, the more they talk."

The subject of this file was Julius Rosenberg (65-58236).

Proofs of book enclosed  
65-58236-2209 encl. p. 513,668  
(15,53)✓

\* According to 65-58236-2203, the H and S Company, NYC, was printing this book.

On 6/1/54, D. Malcolm Anderson, Assistant US Attorney, Pittsburgh Pa., advised that he was in receipt of a copy of a letter (date of letter not stated) to Frank Donner, attorney of record for defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal before the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, from Ida Creskoff, Clerk of the Court. This letter set forth that oral arguments in connection with the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal had been reset for 6/9/54 and would be heard by a full bench of judges.

On 6/9/54, the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals convened in Philadelphia to hear the oral arguments in behalf of William Albertson (65-38100) and co-defendants in support of their appeal in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case. Donner was one of the attorneys who represented these appellants. Donner argued on constitutional grounds, on the clear and present danger doctrine and the inability of defendants to secure fair trial because of prejudicial atmosphere.

65-38100-224 p. 6  
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On 9/16/54, [redacted] testified at a hearing at Camden, New Jersey before the US Grand Jury for the District of New Jersey. [redacted]

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100-98931-68 encl. p. 139,141  
(27)✓

On 10/24/54, a meeting was held at Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41th Street, NYC, on the 68th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. [redacted] furnished a circular which revealed that this meeting was held under the sponsorship of the New York Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (100-410471) and was the committee's "First Annual Salute to Attorneys." The name Frank Donner appeared among those saluted.

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100-410471-33 encl. p. 16,33  
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On 12/22/54, NY-1286-S\* advised that Isidore Gibby Needleman contacted [redacted] Vaughn Albertson (100-8446) at MOMument 2-5252, NYC. [redacted] advised Needleman that she was seeing Frank Donner that night. Needleman asked her why a lawyer was needed and [redacted] said "this thing might go all the way to the supreme court." ([redacted] reason for seeing Donner not stated)

This reference noted that Needleman was subject of Bureau file 100-341652.

100-8446-37 p. 5  
(22)✓  
SI 100-420768-2 p. 5  
(43)✓

In January 1955, the Self-Defense Committee of the Seventeen (Victims of the Smith Act) made a check in the amount of \$122.78, payable to Frank Donner. [redacted]

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An SISS report dated 4/6/55, and captioned, "Strategy and Tactics of World Communism, Significance of the Matusow Case," (Harvey Matusow, 100-375988) stated that an article written by Frank J. Donner appeared in the 4/10/54 issue of "The Nation." This article forewarned of a campaign underway to discredit Government witnesses in Government cases. (Donner's article set out in part).

The above report stated that Harry Sacher (not identified) had identified Donner as an attorney who had occupied joint office space with him. (Date and place not stated)

The "DW" of 1/13/55, p. 3 stated that Donner had defended Albert Blumberg, a communist leader charged with violating the Smith Act.

100-375988-2229 encl. p. 79  
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On 1/19/55, [ ] furnished a petition issued by the Initiators of the Petition to Uphold Justice (100-416825) addressed to the AG. This petition criticized the use of paid informers to achieve convictions in the US Courts. One of the sponsors of this petition was Frank Donner.

Photostat of petition enclosed

100-416825-1 p. 1 encl. p. 4  
(60) ✓

This reference is a copy of the 1/22/55 issue of "The Nation" a publication, headquarters 333 Sixth Avenue, NYC, which carried a seven page article captioned, "The Miami Formula, An Expose of Grass-Roots McCarthyism," written by Frank Donner.

61-901-116 p. 65-71  
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PSI [redacted] who were of unknown reliability but whose information reported in the past had been checked out and found to be reliable, advised that on 1/23/55, at a meeting of the Hungarian Workers Federation held in Cleveland, Ohio, Frieda Katz (100-14078) spoke and passed out copies of petitions captioned "Petition to Uphold Justice." This petition included an open letter to AG Herbert Brownell, Justice Department, urging that the practice of using paid informers be ended. One of the signers of this petition was Frank J. Donner.

Photostat of above petition enclosed  
100-14078-75 encl. p. 4  
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On 3/23/55, Frank J. Donner spoke at a meeting of the Liberal Citizens of Massachusetts held at the Community Church Center, 565 Boulston Street, Boston, Mass. Donner's topic was "The Informer."  
[redacted]

According to BS-TS-219-S\* the Liberal Citizens of Massachusetts was a chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (100-356137).

100-356137-1257 p. 3-5  
(58)✓  
SI 100-39369-180 p. 3  
(56)✓

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On 3/30/55, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that recently he had been visiting the office of Hymen Schlesinger in Pittsburgh, Pa., inasmuch as Schlesinger was doing some free legal work for him. [redacted] described a copy of a letter which he had observed on Schlesinger's desk addressed to Frank Donner, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, which told of information concerning Matthew Cvetic, former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113, (100-372409). [redacted] advised that through observations made while in Schlesinger's office, he had determined that an attempt was being made to discredit Cvetic as a witness because of his psychiatric treatment and his drinking.

100-372409-350 p. 2  
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This reference, captioned Unknown Subject - Alleged Contact of Frederick Palmer Weber in the Department of Justice (65-63390), set out information concerning a toll call made on 4/16/55 from Weber's residence in NYC to that of Frank Donner, Nowalk, Conn. Also set out was detailed information concerning background and communist activities of Donner.

65-63390-203 p. 1-14  
(16,53,65)✓  
SI 65-63390-148 p. 1  
(16)✓  
SI 61-9743-104 p. 25,26  
(4)✓

On 12/27/54, NK-1945-S\* advised that Olga Field (100-40377) made arrangements to contact Frank Donner on 1/4/55. Informant advised that Donner's telephone number was MU 2-8828, NYC.

On 6/1/55, a pretext call to MU 2-8828 revealed that no one by the name of Donner used that telephone.

The 1955 Manhattan telephone directory reflected a listing for Frank Donner, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, MU 2-8288.

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100-40377-241 p. 6,7  
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D. Malcolm Anderson, AUSA, Pittsburgh, advised that on or about 7/15/55, a Petition for Rehearing was filed before US Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., on behalf of Benjamin Lowell Careathers (100-10516), who had been convicted under the Smith Act, and his co-defendants. This petition was signed by Thomas D. McBride, 2015 Land Title Building, Philadelphia; Frank J. Donner, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC; and Ralph E. Powe, 700 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY. The petition listed 6 points in argument for a rehearing. (points set out).

100-10516-95 p. 2  
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On 9/2/55, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Martin Kurasch and Frank Donner thought very highly of Eugene Cotton (100-175450). [redacted] stated that Kurasch and Donner were members of [redacted] the NLRB, Washington, D.C.

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100-175450-18 p. 1  
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On 9/14/55, US Attorney D. Malcolm Anderson, Western District of Penna., Pittsburgh, advised that his office had received a letter from Frank Donner, attorney, in behalf of defendants Steve Nelson (100-16847), Irving Weissman, James Dolsen, Benjamin Careathers, and William Albertson. This letter revealed that a motion had been filed to extend the time of filing a petition and a writ of certiorari from 9/1/55 to 10/10/55.

Weissman, Dolsen, Careathers, and Albertson had been convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

100-16847-1293 p. 3  
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The New Haven Office advised that Judge Robert P. Anderson, U.S. District Court, New Haven, Conn., set 9/13/55 as the date on which the trial of the arrested CP leaders would begin. At the request of Defense Attorney Frank J. Donner, Judge Anderson granted an extension of time to 9/21/55, on which date the trial would commence.

100-52442-261 p. 1-3,9  
(26) ✓  
SI 100-172530-113 p. 1-B,9  
(28) ✓  
SI 100-358927-80 p. 1-B,9  
(38) ✓  
SI 100-341460-94 p. 16,23  
(35,57) ✓ (add. info.)  
SI 65-37534-157 p. 10,17  
(5,52) ✓ (add. info.)  
SI 100-172530-109 p. 13,14  
(56) ✓ (add. info.)  
SI 65-37534-158 p. 50,53  
(5) ✓  
SI 100-115158-118 p. 28,43  
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On 9/23/55, [ ] (100-344072) rented various items of office furniture and instructed that these items be sent to the Plymouth Building, 151 Court Street, New Haven, Connecticut and charged to attorney Frank Donner. According to [ ], this space would be utilized by the defense counsel for the Smith Act defendants. [ ]

[ ] Panel Source, protect identity).

100-344072-129 p. 8,13  
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100-3-5639 encl. p. 17  
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PH-240-S made(S) available a "Fact Sheet" dated 11/23/55, signed by Allan D. McNeil, secretary of the Committee to End Sedition Laws (100-419576), 212 Forbes Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. This "Fact Sheet" congratulated Frank Donner and others for amicus curiae briefs filed in a sedition case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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[redacted] NYC, (protect identity), reported that Frank J. Donner was payee of a check dated 7/26/55 issued by the Bill of Rights Fund (100-415194) in the amount of \$1,000.

On 1/18/56, [redacted]

[redacted] NYC, (protect identity), advised that Frank J. Donner, who had formerly maintained an account at the Chase Manhattan Bank, was identical with the partner in the law firm of Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, NYC.

100-415194-31 p. 8,9

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100-415194-25 p. 3,12

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On November 18 and 26, 1955; 12/24/55; and 1/29/56; telephone calls were made from the residence of Israel Leib Dichter (100-205329), Edison 9-0129, Bridgeport, Conn., to TE 8-8714. [redacted]

[redacted] Bridgeport, Conn., protect identity)

The Norwalk telephone directory indicated that TEmple 8-8714 was listed to Frank Donner, Dock Road, South Norwalk, Conn.

100-205329-73 p. 6,8

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In February, 1956, Champion Ekins (100-115158), testified on his own behalf in New Haven, Conn., on charges of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940, at which time he was asked if he agreed to a statement that "Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marrism." Frank J. Donner, a defense counsel objected to this question as being in violation of the First Amendment. The question was sustained by the judge.

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On 2/19/56, a dinner in honor of Royal W. France and sponsored by the World Fellowship of Faiths was held at the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West 57th Street, NYC. Frank Donner was scheduled to speak at this meeting. [redacted]

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The 6/19/52 issue of the "DW" stated that France was one of the attorneys who would argue the appeal of the six defendants who had been convicted in Baltimore for violation of the Smith Act.

61-9200-144 p. 3,6

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On 2/24/56, Robert Champion Ekins (100-115158) appeared as a witness in New Haven, Conn., on his own behalf on charges of violating the Smith Act of 1940, at which time he was questioned in regard to his knowledge of an individual by the name of Verne Weed of Hartford, Conn. Ekins' counsel, Mr. Donner, objected to the questions concerning Weed.

100-115158-145 p. 26-28

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On April 10, 12, 19 and May 1, 1956, a telephone contact was made between the residence of [redacted] (100-344072) [redacted] [redacted], New Haven, Connecticut, and Frank Donner, 30 Dock Road, South Norwalk, Conn., who had telephone number TE 8-8714. [redacted]

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100-344072-131 p. 3,14

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In June, 1956, [redacted] NYC, (protect identity) advised that Frank J. Donner was a member of the NYC chapter of the NLG.

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On 7/2/56, NY 1286-S\* advised that Isidore Gibby Needleman asked Simon Schachter (100-377249) about the possibility of securing a position for a friend of his who had just taken a bar examination. Schachter told Needleman that he knew of no legal positions available but suggested that Needleman might inquire of Frank Donner, stating "they have a lot of research work."

100-377249-12 p. 2  
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On 7/31/56, the New Haven Office was requested to furnish for the assistance of the Legat, Mexico City, background information concerning Frank Donner, attorney who was representing Ludwig Yehuda Lindau (40-81793).

On 10/9/56, New Haven furnished background information concerning Donner. (Set out in detail).

40-81793-7 p. 1 encl. p. 1,2  
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On the evening of 8/31/56, Frank Donner attended a meeting held at the home of [redacted] (100-360884), and [redacted]. There was a discussion concerning measures to be taken by [redacted] in connection with their subpoenas to appear before a subcommittee of the HCUA in New Haven, Conn. [redacted] not further identified, protect identity).

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On 8/24/56, U.S. Attorney D. Malcolm Anderson, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised that he had received a letter dated 8/23/56 from Steve Nelson (100-16847) which revealed that upon his return to Pittsburgh from the West Coast, Nelson had found among his mail a copy of a brief submitted in his Federal Smith Act prosecution case and sent to him by his attorney Frank Donner, NYC. Anderson stated that Nelson desired to go to NYC for consultation with Donner.

Anderson advised that on 8/31/56 and on 9/5/56, Nelson contacted him regarding travel to NYC for the purpose of consulting his counsel. Anderson advised that he would not object to Nelson's travel to NY.

[redacted], clerk in Anderson's office, advised that on 9/28/56, Nelson contacted that office to request permission to travel to NY during the period of 9/28/56 to 10/2/56, during which time he would confer with his attorney and with co-defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case. According to [redacted], Anderson stated that he would not object to Nelson's travel request.

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Irving Ferman furnished a copy of a fifty page brief submitted to the October 1956 term of the US Court of Appeals in behalf of Morton Sobell (101-2483). Frank J. Donner was one of Sobell's attorneys in this action.

(Copy of brief enclosed)  
101-2483-1361 encl. p. 1,50  
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On 10/11/56, Frank Donner attended a testimonial banquet held under the auspices of the American Committee For the Protection of Foreign Born (100-7046) at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, NYC. This banquet was held for the purpose of honoring Joseph Forer and David Rein, attorneys Washington, DC. (NYC PD)

100-7046-2503 p. 35,56  
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On 6/15/56, John Thomas Gojack (100-201103) was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C. on charges of Contempt of Congress.

Records of U.S. District of Columbia Circuit Court, Washington, D.C., revealed that Gojack filed notice of appeal on 6/15/56. On 10/15/56, Gojack filed a brief concerning his appeal, through attorneys Frank J. Donner of NYC and David Rein, Wash., D.C.

100-201103-99 p. 1,2  
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SI 100-201103-102 p. 17,18  
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On 11/27/56, John Hellman (100-355321) was in contact with Frank Donner, attorney with offices at 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, who represented Smith Act subjects during the New Haven Smith Act trials. (NY 1726-S)

100-355321-316 p. 19  
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US Attorney, W. Wilson White, advised that on 2/2/54, Frank Donner attended a pre-trial conference concerning the Philadelphia Smith Act trial which was held in the Chambers of the Federal District Court in Philadelphia. Donner was to assist defense counsel, Thomas D. McBride, during the trial.

On 1/25/57, Alfred Van Tassel was asked if he would provide a signed statement concerning certain individuals including Jack Soble (100-352386) who had been mentioned that day in the NYC newspapers. Van Tassel stated that he would not give a signed statement without first conferring with his attorney, Frank Donner.

Van Tassel was contacted on 1/26/57 and asked if he had spoken to his attorney. Van Tassel stated that he did not intend to speak to Donner concerning the above matter.

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[redacted], legal counsel, Rockefeller Center, NYC, advised that during April 1947 an organization had been formed known as the Trade Development Corporation. The president of this organization was Alfred James Van Tassel.

100-352386-1138 p. 337-339  
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The 1956 Manhattan, NYC telephone directory listed under lawyers, the name Frank J. Donner. Also listed was the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

The 10/29/56 issue of "UE News" carried an article captioned "Brownell's Lawyers Want Matles Jailed in Pre-Trial Move." This article stated that Matles, on advise of his attorneys, Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, refused to be sworn for pre-trial questioning.

The 12/10/56 issue of "UE News" noted that a contempt of court sentence against Matles, which had been handed down the previous week, was being appealed. The law firm Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin urged early action on this appeal.

The defending attorneys in the denaturalization proceeding against James Joseph Matles (100-9943) beginning on 1/14/47 and ending 2/21/57, were Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

100-9943-126 p. 4,14,15  
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The Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee (100-421854) issued a check dated 2/21/57, made payable to Frank J. Donner in the amount of \$1000.00 [redacted]

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100-421854-19 p. 4  
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Interviews with numerous associates, contacts, and possible contacts of Jane Foster Zlatovski and George Michael Zlatovski (subjects of 100-35543) included one on 2/25/57 with Mary Jane Keeney, 41 King Street, NYC, who advised that she and her husband did not desire to be interviewed except in the presence of Donner, their attorney.

The 1957 Manhattan, New York Telephone Directory contained a listing for Frank J. Donner, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

100-35543-1428 p. 150  
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The 3/1/57 issue of the "DW" page 2, carried an article captioned "Argue Sobell Appeal Monday," which stated that Frank Donner was an attorney for Morton Sobell (101-2483) who was trying to prove his innocence for a conspiracy to commit espionage.

101-2483-A "DW" 3/1/57  
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On 5/3/57, [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] who was investigating cominfil into Jewish life, furnished a review which he had prepared concerning Martin Kurasch (101-2942). This review revealed that when Frank Donner testified (no date) before the HCUA, he took the privilege of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination when asked if Martin Kurasch was a CP member.

101-2942-28 p. 5,9  
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On 5/14/57, at a hearing before Judge Rabe F. Marsh, U.S. District Court, Pittsburgh, William Albertson advised that Frank Donner would represent himself and Irving Weissman (100-312282), both co-defendants for violation of the Smith Act. Judge Marsh ordered that Donner enter a formal appearance for Albertson and Weissman within one week.

On 5/29/57, US Attorney D. Malcolm Anderson, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that Donner had advised Judge Marsh that he declined to enter his appearance as a defense counsel unless he could have assurance that such an appearance would not interfere with his pending commitments. Anderson advised that the US Government would not give Donner such assurances, and that Judge Marsh on 5/29/57 would assign other attorneys as counsel for Albertson and Weissman.

By letter dated 6/4/57, Albertson and Weissman rejected the court appointed counsel and reasserted their right to be represented by Donner and stated that they believed the trial should be postponed until Donner was available.

On 8/29/57, U.S. attorney Anderson advised that the hearing for Albertson and Weissman, at the request of Donner, had been reset for 9/7/57.

100-312282-274 p. 3-5

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SI 65-38100-284 p. 4,5,6

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Checks dated 9/25/57 and 11/1/57 in the amounts of \$300.00 and \$200.00 respectively were drawn on the bank account of the Bill of Rights Fund (100-415194), payable to Frank J. Donner. [redacted]

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As of 9/13/57, records of the Credit Bureau of Greater NY disclosed that Hannah Leichtman, 789 East 144th Street, Bronx, NY, was, as of 5/6/57, employed with Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

As of 12/17/57, the building directory at 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, disclosed that Milton H. Friedman (100-310736) occupied room 930 at that address. Frank J. Donner, of the law firm of Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, and Harry Sacher were also listed as being occupants of that office.

On 6/4/57, Louis F. Budenz (protect identity) advised that he had known Sacher as a member of the CP.

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During September 1957, [redacted] advised that the name Frank Donner, 104 East 40th Street, NYC was found in possession of Harry Magdoff (100-364246). Along with this name was listed telephone number OR 9-2420.

The 1958 Manhattan telephone directory did not have a listing for Frank Donner, 104 East 40th Street, NYC but did contain a listing for Frank J. Donner, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, telephone number MU 2-8288.

100-364246-54 encl. p. 28,29  
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The 1/6/58 issue of "National Guardian," page 12, carried an article captioned "The Gojack Case." This article was signed Gojack Defense Committee (100-424618), and thanked those who had contributed to the legal cost of Gojack's defense. The article stated that according to Frank J. Donner, noted civil liberties attorney who was handling the case, this was an exceptionally effective test case for application of the Watkins decision.

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Alexander Svenchansky purchased Parcels to Russia, Inc., NYC, (100-349582), sale effective on 1/12/58. Svenchansky's attorney in this transaction was Frank J. Donner. [redacted]

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100-349582-68 p.5  
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On the following dates telephone calls were placed from the residence telephone of Simon Silverman (100-52442) Fulton 7-4938 to MU 2-8288, subscribed to by Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, attorneys, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC: 12/16/57, 12/17/57, 1/8/58, 1/15/58, 1/16/58. [redacted]

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As of August 1958, Frank Donner was one of the attorneys of record for some of the Smith Act defendants on trial in the Federal District Court, New Haven, Conn. (No source)

100-52442-302 p.11,23  
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As of 9/25/58, the Records of US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio, revealed that Eric Jerome Reinthaler, Willowick, Ohio, (100-357762) was being represented by the law firm of Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, NYC. Reinthaler had been indicted in a Taft-Hartley conspiracy trial. The records did not reveal which attorney in this law firm would actually represent Reinthaler but both Arthur Kinoy and Frank J. Donner had signed papers in connection with the case and in one instance Kinoy indicated that he was signing for Donner.

100-357762-65 p.10  
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The Passport Office, State Department advised that on 2/13/59, [redacted] (100-371563) was issued a passport for proposed travel abroad to visit France and England. [redacted] was represented in this transaction by attorney Frank Donner, NYC. [redacted] had not answered the questions in his passport application filed on 1/16/59, pertaining to his membership in the CP.

100-371563-77 p.3  
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The 6/22/59 issue of the "NY Mirror," page 10, carried an article by Victor Riesel entitled "Red UE Demands AEC Open Plants." This article stated that Frank Donner, spokesman for the UE, had demanded that AEC immediately remove an eleven year ban on UE's admission to secret commission installations which made atomic bombs. This article also set out information concerning Donner's CP background.

62-82195-A "NY Mirror" 6/22/59  
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On 7/3/59, a telephone call was made from the home of Hulda Flynn (100-340745) South Union Street, Guilford, Conn., to Norwalk, Connecticut, telephone number Temple 8-8714 which telephone was located in the home of Frank Donner. [redacted]

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100-340745-53 p. 2  
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The Passport Office, Department of State, advised that on 8/17/59, [redacted] (100-397249) Uruapan, Michoacan, Mexico, was issued a passport to travel to Europe. Frank J. Donner, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, acted as [redacted] attorney in this matter.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had had some association with American communist in Mexico.

100-397249-97 p. 2  
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100-397249-95 p. 1  
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On 11/3/40, [redacted] advised that she had been in conversation several times with Frank Donner and that in these conversations Donner indicated that he was in sympathy with the CP and everything that was part of it.

On 8/8/50, Joe Brandt of National CP headquarters, NYC, conferred with Donner concerning two CP motions Donner was working for the Circuit Court of Appeals. [redacted] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On 7/15/59, the name Frank Donner, 342 Broadway, NYC, was in the possession of Vogue Travel Service, 141 East 44th Street, NYC, which was a partnership of Jack Bjoze (100-192536) and Vickie Wilaine. The significance of this name being in the possession of the Vogue Travel Service was not known. [redacted]

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On 9/15/59, NY 1537-S\* advised that Alexander Svenchansky (100-219710) had consulted Isidore Gibby Needleman concerning the proper way to handle the FBI if he should again be stopped in the street and questioned. Svenchansky stated that Frank Donner, his former attorney, had recommended making the statement, "I have nothing to say to you."

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Records of the NY County Clerk's Office, 60 Centre Street, NYC, revealed that on 2/21/58, a business certificate was filed by

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[redacted] (100-394185)  
which indicated that he was conducting business under the name of the International Arts and Sciences Press, 33 West 42nd Street, NYC. This certificate revealed that the transaction was handled by Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, Attorneys at Law, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

*Refer*  
The Justice Department advised that on 11/2/59, Frank Donner called at the office of the Registration Section, Justice Department to discuss the possible obligation of a client of his firm to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. Donner made available for inspection copies of pamphlets of the International Arts and Sciences Press and stated that his client, whom he did not identify by name, was distributing these pamphlets at the request of the Soviet Government. Donner was advised that the registration of his client was required and he was furnished forms to use for such registration.

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SI 100-433757-5 encl. p. 8,12  
(43)✓ (Department of Army, Office  
of Assistant Chief of Staff  
for Intelligence, Wash., D.C.)

An HCUA report dated 2/16/59, stated that a number of witnesses had identified Frank J. Donner before that committee as being a member of a communist cell composed of lawyers in the NLRB, Wash., D.C.

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On 12/18/59, Alexander Svenchansky and Donner spoke with Valentin Mikhailovich Spiridonov (105-44883) in the offices of Amtorg Trading Corporation, 355 Lexington Avenue, NYC. (Observation Post in vicinity of Amtorg Trading Corp., NYC)

As of 4/8/58, Svenchansky was Director of Package Express and Travel Agency, Inc., which was successor to Parcels to Russia, NYC. (Foreign Agents Registration Section, Justice Dept.)

105-44883-207 p. B,8,9  
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donner were among those invited to attend a reception held on 9/22/60 in honor of Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro. This reception was held in the Skylight Room at the Hotel Theresa, NYC and was sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (97-4196). (NYC PD)

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*Refer*  
The Justice Department advised that in response to their repeated inquiries, Frank Donner, attorney for [redacted] (97-4014) had submitted a letter dated 11/7/60 in regard to information concerning the arrangement under which [redacted] had obtained material for the publication "Soviet Highlights." In this letter, Donner listed the sources from which [redacted] had obtained this material. Donner further stated that [redacted] was no longer publisher of "Soviet Highlights."

97-4014-32 p. 1  
(16)✓

NY 2471-S\* advised that Louis Weinstock contacted Frank Donner and made arrangements for a friend of his from Washington, D.C., to meet with Donner and Donner's "chief" in Donner's office, NYC on 11/15/60.

As of February 1958, Weinstock was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, NY District. (CG-5824-S\*)

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The following references in the file captioned CP, USA, contain information pertaining to the activities of Frank Donner, who was identified as a CP member.

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100-3-4-7389 p. 58	(16)✓
100-3-23-1663 p. 11	(17)✓
1710 p. 2	(17)✓
1733 p. 3	(17)✓
100-3-29-962 p. 2B,6	(17,53)✓
979 p. 4,111	(17)✓
989 p. iii, 4,24	(17)✓
100-3-60-75 p. 181	(17)✓
110 p. 19,84	(75)✓
521 p. 42	(17)✓

The following references in the file captioned CP, USA, contain information pertaining to the activities of Frank Donner in the categories as set out below:

REFERENCE NUMBER

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Government Group

100-3-65-591 p. 1	(17)✓
822 p. 1	(17)✓
847 p. 4	(17)✓
939 p. 4	(18)✓
942 p. 3	(18)✓
944 p. 1	(18)✓
946 p. 5	(18)✓
951 p. 4	(18)✓
968 p. 8	(18)✓
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Legislative Activities

100-3-70-A "Washington Times Herald" 4/28/48 p. 1 (18)✓  
A "Washington Post" 5/18/48 p. 15 (18)✓

Political Activity

100-3-72-1519 encl. p. 6360,7337,7453 (18)✓

Brief

100-3-74-6107 p. 1 (19)✓  
6143 p. 1 (19)✓  
A "DW" 11/7/55 p. 3 (19)✓  
A "DW" 8/28/56 p. 3 (19)✓

100-3-74-32-415 p. 1 (53)✓  
567 p. 1 (19)✓  
A "New Hampshire Register" 8/31/55 p. 19 (53)✓

100-3-74-34-2921 p. 8 (19)✓  
3020 p. 5 (19)✓

100-3-74-39-1150 p. 1 (19)✓

International Relations

100-3-81-8660 encl. p. 1 (68)✓

Strategy In Industry

100-3-89-1117 p. 1 (19)✓

Reserve Funds

100-3-102-257 p. 1 encl. p. 1,2 (69)✓

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The following references in the file captioned CP, USA, Charts pertain to charts maintained by WFO which set out the positions of Frank Donner in the CIO as indicated below:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER</u>
General Counsel for National CIO Office	6/30/45	100-326-53-5 p. 8	(19)✓
Assistant General Counsel National CIO Office	2/1/46	100-326-53-8 p. 4	(20)✓

The following references in the file captioned Cominfil of the CIO Maritime Committee (100-203268) contain information concerning the activities of Frank Donner, in the Washington, DC area, during the period from May 1945 to late 1947. Donner was an official of the National CIO and in this capacity had numerous contacts with individuals connected with the CIO Maritime Committee.

<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER</u>
793 p. 14, 18, 29, 30	(32)✓
902 p. 2, 24, 37	(33)✓
978 p. 19	(33)✓
1105 p. 10, 30, 33	(33)✓
1199 p. 7, 11, 13	(33)✓

The following references in the file captioned CRC (61-10149) contain information concerning Frank Donner during the period from early 1946 until 4/27/48. During this period Donner attended meetings of the CRC in Detroit and Washington, D.C. Donner was a member of the Milwaukee Board of Directors of the CRC.

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER</u>
446X p. 14	(4)✓
486 p. 23, 71	(4)✓
676 encl. p. 1	(4)✓
3692 encl. p. 7	(4)✓
A "The Worker" 5/12/46 p. 7	(4)✓

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The following references in the file captioned IWO (61-7341) contain information concerning the activities of Frank Donner during the period from late 1950 to April 1953. Donner, an attorney, represented the IWO concerning legal matters.

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61-7341-1195 p. 97  
1236 p. 1,2  
1264 p. 139  
A "DW" 10/10/52 p. 2

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61-7341-34-1429 p. 2  
1441 p. 25

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61-7341-53-65 p. 1,2

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The following references in the file captioned NLG (100-7321) contain information concerning the activities of Frank Donner, an official of the NLG, during the period from January 1939 to late 1958. Donner made speeches at meetings of the NLG in Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., Detroit, Mich., and in NYC.

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962 encl. p. 45  
976 p. 1  
1125 encl. p. 1  
1130 encl. p. 12  
1165 encl. p. 24,26  
1166 p. 10,12  
1180 p. 23,61  
1196 encl. exhibit #202, p.1; exhibit #203, p. 11,17;  
exhibit #216 p. 1  
1424 p. 3,4

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100-7321-A "NY Times" 2/21/49 p. 12  
A "DW" 5/27/53 p. 8  
A "DW" 5/26/54 p. 8

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The following references in the file captioned *Cominfil of United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (100-26912)* contain information concerning Frank Donner in connection with that organization during the period from late 1956 to late September 1960. Donner, as a member of the law firm Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, NYC, acted as attorney for this union and in that capacity attended meetings of the UE held in Atlantic City, N.J.; NYC; Lancaster, Penna.; San Francisco California; and Philadelphia, Penna.

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100-26912-A "Pittsburgh Press" 3/12/59

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The following references in the file captioned *Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (100-384660)* contain information concerning the activities of Frank Donner in connection with this organization during the period from approximately January 1955 to February 1961. Donner was active in behalf of this organization and spoke at numerous meetings held in NYC and in Philadelphia.

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A "The Worker" 5/29/55  
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The following references in the file captioned [redacted] contain information pertaining to the activities of Frank Donner, whom [redacted] identified as a CP member. According to [redacted] both [redacted] at the NLRB in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

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17 p. 3  
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71 p. 4, 11, 21, 25  
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The following references in the file captioned Martin Popper (105-1913) contain information concerning Frank Donner, in the Washington, D.C. area, during the period from early 1946 to approximately 1948, where both Popper and Donner were active in CP affairs.

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53 p. 12  
82 p. 1A  
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The following references captioned Morton Stavis (100-13661) contain information concerning numerous telephonic contacts between Stavis and Frank Donner in NYC during the period from 1951 until early 1953.

Also set out was background information concerning Donner's connection with the CP as early as 1937 as well as his connection with the IWO, CRC, and NLG.

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34 p. 14,15,26  
48 p. 6  
53 p. 5,6  
75 p. 3  
94 p. 2,6,7  
124 p. 1

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The following references in the file captioned Arthur Kinoy (100-413210) contain information pertaining to the activities during 1950-1959 of Frank Donner, who was associated with Kinoy in the law firm of Donner, Kinoy and Perlin, NYC. The law firm of which Donner was a member, represented UE, IWO, and various Smith Act defendants. Donner, as an attorney, was consulted on legal matters by CP members and as early as 1939 was identified as a CP member.

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3 p. 1,3  
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The following references in the file on Isidore Gibby Needleman (100-341652) contain information concerning the activities of Frank Donner in connection with Needleman in the NY area during the period from April 1954 to approximately September 1959. During this period, both Needleman and Donner practiced law in NYC and were in contact concerning CP matters.

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367 p. 13,33,64  
423 p. 30,31,33,34  
686 p. 10,57  
712 p. 5,6,80  
821 p. 38,50

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The following references in the file captioned Joseph Forer (101-1765) contain information concerning Frank Donner during the period of 1950, early 1951, and September 1960. Forer provided legal counsel for communists and communist sympathizers and in this capacity was in contact with Donner in NYC, on legal matters. On 9/24/60, Donner attended a birthday party for Forer held in Washington, D.C.

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21 p. 1  
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45 p. 1  
47 p. 6,11  
92 p. 12A-15

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The following references in the file captioned Nathan Gregory Silvermaster (65-56402) contain information pertaining to Frank Donner who was in contact with subjects of the Silvermaster case in the Washington, D.C. area during the period from 1944 through 1948. On numerous occasions, Donner was mentioned by subjects of the Silvermaster case in telephone conversations.

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269 p. 84,97,98  
464 p. 60,62,63  
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638 p. 1  
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1210 p. 59  
1862 p. 119,274  
1909 p. 122  
2406 p. 1  
2516 p. 3  
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3173 p. 46,49

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702 p. 2  
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1581 p. 5  
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1822 p. 1  
1854 p. 2  
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1856 p. 1  
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2761X25 p. 1	(12) ✓
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2946 p. 4	(14) ✓
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2992 p. 6	(14) ✓
2997 p. 1	(14) ✓
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The following references pertain to hearings before the Congressional committees designated below. Information in regard to the activities of Frank J. Donner was presented to these committees during the testimony of individuals or in various documents or exhibits.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER</u>
Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations US Senate	Frank J. Donner	5/12/48	62-69402-46 p.1	encl.p. (51)✓ 228-234
SISS	Harvey M. Matusow	2/28/55	100-375988-1391	encl.p. (59)✓ 500
	Harry Sacher	4/19/55	62-88217-1676	encl.p. 1622, (5)✓ 1623
HCUA	Herbert Fuchs Mortimer Riemer	12/13/55 12/14/55	61-7582-2956	encl.p. 2980, (3)✓ 2985, 3003, 3007, 3040
	Mrs. Selma Rein Nathan Witt	2/28/56 3/1/56	61-7582-3029	encl.p. 3382, (3)✓ 3452
	John W. Porter	4/21/56	61-7582-3169	encl.p. 3996, (3)✓ 3997
	Edward J. Scheunemann	5/15/56	101-1674-31	encl.p. 116 (44)✓
	Herbert Fuchs Mortimer Riemer Harry Cooper Frank Donner	12/13/55 12/14/55 3/1/56 6/28/56	61-7582-4053	p.1 encl.p. (4, 51)✓ 35
	Harry Levitan	11/14/56	100-49210-40	encl.p. 521 (26)✓
	Frank J. Donner	3/11/59	61-7582-4171*	encl.p. 394 (1, 50)✓ 410, 427, 438, 447, 452, 455, 460

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The following references pertain to hearings before the Congressional committees designated below. Frank J. Donner attended these hearings as counsel for individuals who had been subpoenaed as witnesses.

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HCUA	Jack Richard McMichael	7/30, 31/53	61-7582-2095 p.2612, 2614, 2615, 2761, 2798, 2858	(51)✓
SISS	[REDACTED]	9/24/53	100-336174-5 encl.p.1,2	(57)✓
	Alexander Svench- ansky Jamaica	10/29/53	62-88217-1430 encl.p.666, 667	(5, 51)✓
HCUA	[REDACTED] John Thomas Gojack and 3/1/55	2/28/55 2/28/55 2/28/55	61-7582-2774 encl.p.20, 43, 51, 56, 71, 91	(3, 51)✓
SISS	Alexander E.O. Munsell	6/12/56	62-88217-2020 p. 1	(52)✓
	Alexander E.O. Munsell	6/12/56	62-88217-2023 encl.p.1022-1025, 3082, 3083, 3086, 3088	(52)✓
HCUA	[REDACTED]	3/15/57	61-7582-3435 encl.p.467	(75)✓
	Alexander Svench- ansky	2/17/59	61-7582-4075 encl.p.2A, 6, 7, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 38, 43, 58, 71	(73, 76)✓
	Thomas B. Wright [REDACTED] John W. Nelson Robert C. Kirkwood	3/11/59	61-7582-4171* encl.p.394, 410, 427, 438, 447, 452, 455-460	(1, 50)✓
SISS	[REDACTED]	10/10/60	61-88217-2768 p.1 encl.p.A, 2, 3, 4, 15, 20, 21, 22	(52)✓
	[REDACTED]	10/10/60	2766 p.1 encl.p.176, 177, 180, 184, 185	(52)✓

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The following references set out information pertaining to Frank Donner in the Washington, D.C., and NY areas, in connection with applicant or loyalty investigations of individuals as listed below. In these references allegations were made concerning the association of Donner in subversive activities with the subject of the file or relatives of these individuals. Detailed information regarding Donner was set out which had been included in his main file and other references included in this summary.

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100-24699-130 p. 1	(24)✓
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